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Moore signals new shake-up over benefits

Lawson airs concern on single-parent problem

- A controversial shake-up in the social security system is to be signalled at the Tory Party conference this week
- A Royal Navy warship is to be used off Brighton as part of a massive security operation at the conference
- Mr Nigel Lawson has admitted that he was wrong to reduce interest rates at the time of his Budget cuts
- Mr Kenneth Clarke is under growing pressure from health authorities to fund in full the nurses' pay award (Page 2)

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

Ministers are considering a further shake-up of the social security system only months after the controversial reforms introduced earlier this year, it was disclosed yesterday.

Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Social Services, will signal the possibility of new changes to the £50 billion-a-year welfare system in his speech to the Conservative Party conference on Wednesday.

He is becoming increasingly concerned that the payments made to single-parent families and the high priority they are given on council housing waiting lists are undermining the traditional family unit and having damaging social repercussions.

He also wants to examine the possibility of a tougher availability-for-work test for those claiming unemployment benefit and income support, which could lead to them losing money unless they show they are actively seeking a job.

However, Mr Moore is also planning a sharp improvement in the "appalling" level of service offered to claimants at some benefit offices through the introduction of computers and an administrative overhaul.

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Strong indications of mounting Cabinet concern about the benefit system came yesterday from Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, who suggested that it was contributing to the rising tide of family break-ups and illegitimacy.

"We do have a problem that by seeking to look after the one-parent families — and they have a very hard time — we probably create even more of them", he said.

Mr Moore, who believes the social security system still encourages dependency rather than self-reliance, will give few details about his specific intentions on Wednesday. However, he will refer to them briefly in the context of an address designed to map out an agenda for change.

About 4,500 Tory delegates are expected to descend on Brighton for the conference, which starts tomorrow.

With the Government comfortably ahead in the polls and with Labour in disarray over defence policy, they are in good heart, although storm clouds are looming over the economy, the environment and law and order.

Yesterday, Mr Lawson, who will come under fire from delegates for high mortgage rates that have penalized home-owners, particularly first-time buyers, and the yawning trade deficit, was in characteristically forthright mood, insisting that his policies were working.

However, he bowed partially to his critics by admitting that with hindsight he was wrong to reduce interest rates at the time of his Budget tax cuts.

After the October stock market crash, concerted international action had been rightly taken to head off the possibility of a slump, but that meant "things were a bit too loose" in the early part of the year.

"It was necessary to tighten up and had I realized quite how strong the domestic growth had been, quite how big the domestic borrowing had been, then I would have tightened up that much earlier. I wouldn't have changed the Budget in any way," he said in an ITV television interview.

Mr Lawson denied that he was admitting that the Prime Minister had been right in their dispute after the Budget, saying that had centred on the separate matter of exchange rate management. But given the close relationship between inflation, interest rates and the level of sterling, his remarks will be widely seen as a tacit admission that Mrs Thatcher was the first to sense the dangers of cutting interest rates to hold down the pound.

A taste of the criticism he is likely to face at the conference came yesterday from Sir Ian Gilmour, the former Cabinet minister and long-standing critic of monetarism.

He said Britain had re-entered the stop-go cycle of the 1960s and 1970s, with another slowdown on the horizon.

"I don't think it has sunk in to the party how serious the situation is," he said in a BBC radio interview, forecasting a rash of business bankruptcies, rising consumer debt and a stagnant property market.

Sir Ian's criticisms were echoed by Mr Stephen Lewis, director of economic research at the stockbrokers Phillips & Drew, who likened Mr Lawson to the sorcerers' apprentice, overwhelmed by the tide of events.

"He cannot control these forces that are impacting upon the economy. Revenue is pouring in more and more rapidly. The balance of payments is getting bigger and bigger and inflation is rising and he doesn't seem to have a solution to these problems."

But the Chancellor was defended yesterday by Mr Leon Brittan, the former Cabinet minister, who said higher interest rates would probably do the trick by spring.

Embattled Algiers bares scars of violence



A barricade of wrecked cars and lorries littering a street in Algiers as the wave of unrest over unemployment and food shortages continued at the weekend.

Military leaders crack down as unrest spreads to provinces

From Christopher Walker, Algiers

As the popular uprising against the Algerian Government spread from the capital to provincial cities and rural areas, the military authorities introduced a draconian new series of security measures in an effort to quell the unrest in which up to 200 people are now unofficially estimated to have died.

Many of the victims have been killed as the Army, equipped with tanks, heavy machine guns and bazookas, opened fire on crowds defying a strict military ban on any form of street gathering which was published yesterday in the first communiqué from the military command, whose identity remains secret.

The statement also called on parents to restrain their children, announced the setting-up of new military tribunals to try hundreds of those arrested — including many minors — and ordered the indefinite closure of all educational establishments. It warned that even harsher measures would be taken if the violence did not cease.

Throughout yesterday, the crack and thump of gunfire was audible in many parts of Algiers and military helicopters flew constantly over the city at roof level.

Mr Hadi Khediri, the hardline Interior Minister, confirmed that deaths had spread to other cities but provided no government figures.

The estimate of the high death toll was based on contacts with hospitals, doctors and witnesses in Algiers and other centres, including the second city of Oran, with a population of 900,000, and the eastern port of Annaba, where

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official buildings have been ransacked by mobs incensed by declining living standards.

In Oran, 250 miles west along the coast from the capital, two luxury hotels, two offices of the state airline, and a number of foreign-owned targets were attacked. Senior government ministers have hinted that the uprising is being orchestrated by Islamic fundamentalists and others opposed to recent limited reforms introduced by President Chadli Benjedid.

In one heavily populated slum suburb six miles from the centre of Algiers, I found evidence that tracked armoured vehicles had fought a pitched battle with an angry mob attempting to storm a large police training college.

Local sources put the death toll at 30 in that incident alone, which took place late last week. Exhausted-looking combat troops and unshaven police, some with bandaged wounds, ordered me to leave the area, which was guarded by a number of tanks when I arrived there on Saturday afternoon.

Many buildings in the dirty, run-down suburb, with its dilapidated housing, were wrecked and official vehicles, distinguished by their red number plates, burnt out, their shells still littering the sides of the roads. En route, I passed one luxury two-storey government villa that had been pulled to pieces by the mobs, and whole date palms ripped from the ground and turned into blazing barricades.

In another residential suburb, Kouba, from which a huge pall of black smoke extended over Algiers for many hours during the weekend, a French colleague discovered the inside of one mosque spattered with large quantities of blood after troops opened fire on a crowd attending the funeral of an earlier riot victim. Local residents said that the mayor's office had been set on fire.

The Algerian authorities, known for their radical stance in Middle East affairs, are attempting to minimize the spread of information about the violence by banning foreign television crews and photographers from filming any incident in which the Army is involved. It has been hinted strongly by officials that anyone breaking the ban may face the possibility of being shot themselves.

Late on Saturday night, as reporters gathered on balconies of the eight-storey el-

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A tank patrolling among the traffic in Algiers yesterday.

Radio Five for BBC sport and education

By Andrew Billen
Arts Correspondent

The BBC yesterday announced a fifth radio network, to be known as Radio Five, which will carry live sports coverage and all educational output, including schools, Open University and further education programmes.

The station will be headed by Miss Patricia Ewing, aged 49, now head of radio sport, and will open on the medium wave in 1990.

The BBC is making a virtue out of the necessity of surrendering some of its present frequencies to new commercial networks. It is transferring Radios One, Two, Three and Four to VHF. The new Radio Five frequencies, 433 and 330 metres, now held by Radio Two, will be BBC Radio's only medium wave presence.

The ball-by-ball Test match commentaries will be transferred from Radio Three to Radio Five.

However, Mrs Jocelyn Hay of the Voice of the Listener, a radio watchdog organization, said yesterday: "Withdrawal of frequences from the BBC will reduce the services it gives the listener because programmes won't be so available."

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CRAIG BROWN

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- The weekly £8,000 prize was claimed (see page 3), and today's Portfolio Accumulator rises to £254,000. Game: page 30

Soccer legend Milburn dies

Jackie Milburn, voted the greatest footballer to emerge from the North-East of England, died yesterday at Ashington. He was 64.

"Wor Jackie", as he was affectionately known, helped Newcastle United win the FA Cup three times in the 1950s. He recorded the fastest Wembley Cup Final goal in 1955 when he scored after 45 seconds against Manchester City.

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Tories' poll lead over Labour is widening

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

The Conservative Party will go into its conference tomorrow with a widening opinion poll lead over Labour.

The latest MORI poll of polls for *The Times* — the biggest measurement of opinion on the polling scene — shows a 7 per cent Tory lead over the past three months.

Opposition parties nearly always make gains at the Government's expense a year after an election. But the Conservatives have instead extended their lead over Labour by 2 per cent in the period.

Despite fears of increasing inflation and the deteriorating balance of trade, the poll evidence shows that Labour is failing to capitalize on the Government's difficulties.

Issues polling shows that concern over the National Health Service has dropped considerably since last winter. Concern over law and order has also fallen.

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More toll roads on the way

By Rodney Cowton
Transport Correspondent

Britons are likely to find more toll roads coming into use in the 1990s as the result of efforts to involve private capital in combating growing traffic congestion.

Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Transport, is seeking to encourage merchant bankers, construction companies and others to invest in privately-financed road and rail projects.

The new roads, which experts believe would be almost certainly financed by tolls, might take the form of additional high-speed lanes or sections of motorway.

Mr Channon may also invite the City and the construction industry to back a privately-financed rail link from London to the Channel tunnel.

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Woman drowns as storms lash South

By Andrew Morgan

A woman drowned in a yachting accident in the Channel yesterday as torrential rain and gales swept across southern England, causing widespread flooding.

The Meteorological Office forecast more gales tomorrow and on Wednesday in the South and West from Atlantic depressions, but said the situation did not mirror the build-up to last October's storms which claimed 19 lives and caused £1 billion of damage.

Dr Peter Ryder, deputy director of forecasting services at the Bracknell headquarters, said: "The current depression is growing south of Greenland. Last October's came at us out of the blue from the Bay of Biscay and was quite different."

The woman who died was washed overboard when a 45mph gust capsized the yacht as it headed towards Chichester harbour, in West Sussex. An air-sea rescue helicopter pulled the women out of the water but she was dead on arrival at the Royal Naval Hospital, Haslar. Two other crewmen were saved.

Homes were flooded in many areas of southern England, while people resorted to sandbags at Hailsham, in West Sussex. A car was blown off the quay at Poole in Dorset, and nine divers were towed to safety off Swanage.

The gales broke as the Met Office prepared to market its improved forecasting techniques ahead of the anniversary on Wednesday of last October's storms.

"We believe we have learnt the lessons and are ... much better prepared," Dr Ryder said.

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Parents say British yachtsman was murdered

By Christopher Morris in Brisbane and Andrew McEwen in London

The distraught parents of a British yachtsman who was shot by Indonesian police while on his way to Australia to get married have asked Mrs Thatcher to take up the case.

In a letter to the Prime Minister they claimed that Mr David Blenkinsop, aged 31, was murdered and his body dumped overboard. His pregnant fiancée, Miss Joanne Mist, who was travelling with him, was shot in the stomach. The bullet narrowly missed her unborn child, but she did not lose it and made a full recovery.

In London, the Foreign Office said yesterday it was awaiting a report from the Indonesian authorities and that there was no question of a protest at this stage. Whitehall sources said that the incident was seen as a tragedy rather than a murder. Impetuous behaviour by Mr Blenkinsop appeared to have contributed to it.

The account given by the family is that the couple were sailing their 45 ft yacht C Ment from Phuket in Thailand to Brisbane when bad weather forced them to seek refuge. They put into the tiny island of Serui off Irian Jaya, the western end of New Guinea.

According to Miss Mist, who was four months pregnant at the time, two plainclothes Indonesian policemen and the harbourmaster boarded the yacht and ordered them to sail to the port of Biak. A row broke out when her fiancé had difficulty getting over a reef in the way.

A police sergeant, she said, fired a shot before shooting Mr Blenkinsop in the upper arm and herself in the stomach.

Mr Harold Blenkinsop and his wife Barbara said in their letter to Mrs Thatcher: "On hearing Joanne say 'you have killed my baby', David moved towards the policemen who knocked him to the deck. David got up and was either hit with the gun or shot a second time."

At their home on Queensland's Sunshine Coast, Mrs Blenkinsop said yesterday: "It's a miracle Joanne and the unborn baby survived. David's death was nothing more than cold-blooded murder. It was a brutal and senseless killing." Her husband added: "Apparently the harbourmaster was taking the boat into the reef and David went to take the wheel. The policemen suddenly pulled a gun and opened fire."

The parents claim their son's body was thrown overboard. It is not known whether he was dead or alive at the time.

But Whitehall sources pointed to discrepancies between this account and other information. The couple called at the island after running out of fuel and stayed to take on provisions.

But they did not have visas to enter Indonesia and were probably unaware that they had strayed into a sensitive

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NEWS ROUNDUP

Cleveland doctors face reprimand

A committee of the Northern Regional Health Authority is soon to report on the future of the two paediatricians at the centre of the Cleveland child sexual abuse controversy.

The special panel, set up after the publication of the report by Lord Justice Butler-Sloss, is headed by Sir Bernard Tomlinson, the chairman of the authority.

It is to decide if Dr Marietta Higgs and her colleague, Dr Geoffrey Wyatt, should face any disciplinary action over their roles in diagnosing 121 children as victims of sexual abuse in a six-month period.

One report yesterday said that the committee had decided that although the two doctors would not be dismissed they would be publicly reprimanded. The health authority said: "The special working group is still meeting. No final decisions have yet been made".

Drug seizure charges

A man and a woman have been charged in connection with the seizure of 400 lb of cannabis in the Irish Republic. John Darrell Spillet, aged 39, of Lukin House, Romney Way, Hythe, Kent, and Laura Kay Stocker, aged 32, from Linden Crescent, Folkestone, Kent, were accused at a special overnight court at Cork of importing cannabis resin. They were remanded in custody and will appear again tomorrow. In a separate drugs case, four people will appear in court tomorrow after a raid on a house in Harlow, Essex, where two tons of cannabis resin were found.

Canoeists rescued

A mountain rescue team saved three canoeists trapped on a rock at the foot of a 100ft gorge in the flooded River Conwy near Betws-y-Coed at the weekend. The Ogwen Mountain Rescue team rigged up a rope system by floodlight and winched them to safety. The three were named as Mr Simon Hale, aged 29, of Hoylake Road, Moreton, Wallasey, Merseyside; Mr James Savage, aged 18, of New Rose Park, St Albans, Hertfordshire; and Mr Gareth Cryer, also 18, of Fitzherbert Road, Manor Estate, Sheffield, south Yorkshire.

Extradition on test

Extradition arrangements between Britain and the Irish Republic will face another test today when James Pius Clarke, the Maze escaper, comes up before Portlaoise district court, which earlier this year dismissed a case against Patrick McVeigh, a suspected top IRA terrorist. Britain's extradition request against Clarke, who escaped from the Maze in the 1983 breakout, was disrupted last month when his legal counsel withdrew from the case after a dispute with the Irish Attorney General over fees.

Service for 'Greens'

The traditional harvest festival at Coventry Cathedral was replaced yesterday by a "green" service dedicated to the environment. The Provost, the Very Rev John Petty, said the traditional harvest festival in which Christians celebrate creation and nature, might be "a little hollow". Mr Petty said in his opening address: "Something seems to have gone disastrously wrong with our understanding of God, of creation and of our role in the world". The liturgy was devised by the cathedral, the Worldwide Fund for Nature and its religious advisers.

Cypriot boat released

The Cypriot-registered coaster searched for drugs by Customs officers after a mid-Channel chase last week, has sailed out of Portsmouth, bound for Lisbon. The boat's six Dutch-speaking crew were freed after spending 60 hours in police custody. They were questioned about the movements of the vessel, intercepted by the Royal Navy frigate HMS Scylla. A Customs spokesman said there was no evidence of smuggling.

Tory conference: Hurd faces critics; Tebbit reflects on an old controversy

Police make 'bobby on the beat' a key issue

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, will be put under pressure over the issue of law and order at this week's Conservative Party conference in Brighton.

He has been pressing the Treasury to finance a substantial increase in police officers in England and Wales to meet mounting demands from police chiefs and representatives of officers of all ranks, and there is speculation that he will be able to announce a rise of between 1,000 and 1,500 officers, to be shared by 43 forces.

Last week Mr Roger Birch, Chief Constable of Sussex and president of the Association of Chief Police Officers, warned Mr Hurd that a continuation of the Government's policy on police manpower would lead to a crisis that could destroy the tradition of the "bobby on the beat".

He said: "We are losing control on the streets".

The timing of Mr Birch's criticism could be significant if Mr Hurd has still to obtain from the Treasury a firm commitment and is unable to make an announcement to the party conference.

As it is, he will be able to point to an increase of 13,169 officers in England and Wales since 1979, and a 52 per cent rise in real terms in spending on the police over the same period.

He is under pressure too over the apparent need to change the law in relation to a defendant's right to silence, but, in an interview on *Panorama* on BBC Television tonight, Mr Hurd will seek to quell any impatience in regard to such developments and also placate opponents of change.

At present, defendants can stay silent under police questioning without prejudicing their trial and any changes could run into opposition from some quarters of the Criminal Bar Association and the Law Society and some MPs.

Although senior members of the judiciary, notably Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice, and senior police officers, are strongly in favour of such a move, lawyers argue that the right is an important safeguard for the suspect who is simple, easily led or easily frightened. They say that any tinkering with it upsets the delicate balance of safeguards and rights between suspects and the police.

The most likely move by the Government is to end the so-called suspect's right to "ambush"; in other words, to stop the practice whereby defendants may introduce at trial a new line of defence which they have previously not mentioned.

Indeed, On *Panorama* Mr Hurd will say that "the question is to what extent can a court take into account the fact that someone has been dumb, has not spoken or has spun a yarn at the last minute, which didn't emerge at the police station and I am convinced we have got to move on this".

He says no one should be able to take the thumbscrews out and force reluctant people to speak.

Mr Hurd announced in May he was appointing a review body to look into the right of the defendant to introduce material new evidence at the trial without risk of adverse comment by the judge or prosecution. The case for change was strong, Mr Hurd said then.

Mr Hurd also says on *Panorama* that the fight against crime will be taken into the classroom, and be incorporated into the syllabus for all schoolchildren. He says that, as the school system is reformed, there should be more emphasis in the curriculum on citizenship and the rights of other people.



Mr Norman Tebbit, former chairman of the Conservative Party, pictured in Regent's Park in London yesterday said he regretted stirring up an "old controversy" regarding the relationship between Mr Cecil Parkinson and Miss Sara Keays in his autobiography. The book was completely reprinted over the weekend after the High Court granted a temporary injunction over a passage referring to Miss Keays.

However, Speaking on TV-am, Mr Tebbit declined to apologize to Miss Keays. He said his lawyers and the judge might be upset if he commented on the case, but agreed that Mr Parkinson would not be pleased with his repetition of a private conversation and added: "With friends like me, he doesn't need any enemies this week does he?"

Last night, Miss Keays confirmed that she was considering legal action against the *Mail on Sunday*, in which she first read the passage in *Upwardly Mobile* that she has taken exception to. Her solicitors have also written to *Marie Claire* magazine, which she claims published a defamatory article about her.

Staff at the book's printers, Butler and Tanner, in Frome, Somerset, worked throughout Saturday on the new print run. The publishers are confident that the book will be in shops across the country today, as well at the Conservative Party conference.

Mr Alan Hirst, the works manager, said: "We have been in this situation before and we knew how to react at speed. If the injunction is lifted, we will be able to create the page again very quickly."

The Piccadilly branch of Hatchard's, the bookseller, hopes to receive new copies in time for Mr Tebbit's book-signing session at the shop today. At least 500 copies of the first edition were removed after the injunction was granted.

(Photograph: Tim Bishop.)

Nurses' pay funding pressure mounts

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health, is under increasing pressure to announce more money for the nurses' pay award in his conference speech on Thursday.

A survey published today by the National Association of Health Authorities shows that a third of England's 190 health authorities are planning service cuts, including bed closures, because of government under-funding of other pay awards and inflation. Savings of £164 million must be found to stay within cash-limited budgets this financial year.

The nurses' award is expected to cost between £100 million and £150 million more than the £803 million announced. "Full funding of the award is essential to allow authorities to maintain and develop services", Mr Philip Hunt, director of the association, said yesterday.

The survey estimates that health authorities will need an extra £450 million next year to meet service demands. It shows that they are in greater financial difficulties than they were last autumn before the Government's emergency injection of £100 million.

Health service unions resume talks tomorrow with management over pay structures for nurses and midwives. The talks are predicted to end in stalemate because of government insistence that only one nursing sister should have continuous responsibility for a ward and be on the higher grade.

● Hospital consultants who believe that the NHS is seriously underfunded are to take their campaign to the Conservative Party conference.

Dr Ken Taylor, leader of the Birmingham-based Consultants for the Rescue of the NHS, is to address a fringe meeting. His group, formed a year ago, claims to represent more than a fifth of the 500 consultants in Birmingham.

Dr Taylor, consultant physician at Dudley Road Hospital, said that surgeons were forced to drop one out of four half-day operating sessions because of the cash crisis.

Making Ends Meet: The Financial Position of Health Authorities in Autumn 1988. (NAHA, Garth House, 47 Edgbaston Park Road, Birmingham B15 2RS).

Belyavsky claims lead in chess contest

Soviet grandmasters held the first five seats on Saturday after the fifth round of the World Cup chess tournament in Reykjavic, Iceland. Alexander Belyavsky claimed the lead after defeating Predrag Nikolic of Yugoslavia.

Mikhail Tal, the former world champion, meanwhile, beat Hungary's Zoltan Ribli in fewer than 30 moves to step ahead of the current world champion, Garry Kasparov, into second place.

Fifth round results of the tournament were:

A Belyavsky beat P Nikolic; M Tal beat Z Ribli;G Sax, Hungary, drew with M Petursson, Iceland; J Ehlvest, Soviet Union, beat J Timman, Netherlands.

A Jusupov, Soviet Union, beat Boris Spassky, France; U Anderson, Sweden, drew with J Nunn, England.

J Speelman, England, beat V Korchnoi, Switzerland; L Portisch, Hungary, drew with G Kasparov, Soviet Union.

A Sokolov, Soviet Union, drew with J Hjartarson, Iceland.

Warship backs up Brighton security

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

A Royal Navy warship is expected to move into position off Brighton today as police complete a £1.4 million plan to protect the Conservative Party conference when it returns to the resort four years after the IRA attack on the Grand Hotel.

The ship, a frigate or destroyer, will check any suspicious vessels trying to get within striking distance of the hotel, the conference centre and an entertainments complex which have been turned into a secure area by police on the seafront. The ship will include a complement of marines with light craft who could intercept a suspicious vessel.

The naval picket is one line of defence in a security operation involving the vetting of 50,000 people, armed police units and co-operation between five forces involved in conference protection or terrorist intelligence.

Much of the operation comes in the wake of recommendations set down in a confidential report by Mr John Hoddinott, now Chief Constable of Hampshire, after the IRA struck at the Grand Hotel in October 1984. A delayed-action bomb left in a bathroom weeks before the conference killed five and narrowly missed the Prime Minister.

Yesterday as a team of more than 200 officers trained to search for explosives completed their checks and sealed areas of buildings before the conference start Mr Roger Birch, Chief Constable of Sussex, said police had been working on security plans since last November. They were not only concentrating on the conference centre but had also analysed a number of "soft option" targets in Sussex and increased security around them.

Asked about the loss of a number of security passes which had not reached their recipients, Mr Peter Westcott, Sussex's assistant chief constable, said that such problems were to be expected in an event with more than 10,000 visitors.

Last night, even Brighton's pier was not free from anxieties. A line of security guards with radios watched strollers going on to the pier by a sign saying that random security checks would be made during the conference.

Boyson backs call-up and home education

Radical plans for tens of thousands of schoolchildren to be educated at home and for the reintroduction of National Service are unveiled today on the eve of the Conservative conference.

Sir Rhodes Boyson, Conservative MP for Brent North and a former education minister, urges the Government to continue with its reform programme by making strikes illegal and introducing a voucher system for schools and student loans.

He calls for a modified National Service based on the Swiss system of call-up and outward-bound exercises for all youths aged between 14 and 21 in an effort to produce discipline.

He also says in a pamphlet published by the Selsdon Group that children should remain compulsorily at school only if they fail to achieve average marks in the new 7 Plus, 11 Plus and 14 Plus government-introduced tests. *The Need For Limited Government*, by Dr Rhodes Boyson, (Selsdon Group, 170 Sloane Square, London, SW1X 9QG).



Caesarean births are rising

By Robert Matthews, Technology Correspondent

Fears of legal action by patients is fuelling a significant rise in the proportion of babies being delivered by Caesarean section, according to new research.

In 1970, fewer than one in 20 births were by Caesarean section. New figures produced by the Maternity Alliance, a group which lobbies for improved childbirth facilities, show that more than one in nine births in British maternity wards now involve such an operation.

The author of the research, Dr Colin Francome, of Middlesex polytechnic, said yesterday that Britain is following the United States and Canada in the growing use of Caesareans to minimize the risk of legal action should problems arise during birth.

The national average for Caesareans in the United Kingdom is 11.3 per cent of all births, with Wales coming highest with 12.8 per cent, the Thames regions with around 12.5 per cent, and Wessex the lowest at 9.8 per cent.

One senior health official for the Trent Regional Health Authority told Dr Francome: "I think that the increasing readiness of patients to sue obstetricians if anything goes wrong undoubtedly leads to increased use of Caesarean sections".

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Kinnock pressed to act on block votes

By Tim Jones and Nicholas Wood

Mr Neil Kinnock was under renewed pressure last night to act against union block votes when it was confirmed that Mr Ron Todd, who helped to defeat the leadership on defence issues last week, will be visiting Moscow to discuss nuclear disarmament.

Mr Todd, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, has emerged as the most powerful internal critic of Mr Kinnock's attempts to dilute the party's commitment to unilateralism. Labour leaders hope he can be persuaded to change his mind through exposure to the latest Russian thinking on the issue.

However, Mr Gavin Laird, general secretary of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, which is firmly committed to multilateralism, said last night: "I don't think Mr Todd will ever change his mind, so I think his visit is a bit strange".

Last week's party conference decision committing Labour to remove all nuclear weapons from Britain within the lifetime of its first parliament was taken by a majority of 1,244,000, which almost equals the block vote wielded by Mr Todd's union. Mr Laird, who is convinced the decision is a vote-loser, said his union would discuss diminishing the power of block votes if the party could guarantee a one member, one vote system in constituency Labour parties.

"We are not opposed to the percentage of our votes being reduced if it is replaced by a better system, but it would have to be a prerequisite, underwritten in the constitution, that the constituency parties would have one man, one vote", he said. Mr Martin O'Neill, Labour Defence spokesman said last night that Mr Todd, a member of the defence policy review group, had accepted an invitation to join him, Mr Gerald Kaufman, the shadow foreign secretary, and Mr Tony Clarke, deputy general secretary of the Union of Communication Workers, on a visit to Moscow in January.

"Mr Todd is a senior figure in the party and represents a trend of thinking within the party and it was felt it would be helpful to have a broadly based representation."

Ministry reports on Rock film

By Andrew Billen, Arts Correspondent

The Ministry of Defence yesterday confirmed that it had compiled its own report into the Thames Television documentary, "Death on the Rock".

The report, understood to be severely critical of the programme, is likely to be submitted to the Independent Broadasting Authority in the expectation that it will be made available to Lord Windlesham's indpendent inquiry into the film.

"Death on the Rock", a *This Week* special transmitted in May, provoked an outcry from the Government by interviewing witnesses to the shooting of three IRA members by the SAS in Gibraltar.

The ministry said yesterday: "In the light of the Government's concern it should come as no surprise that we have been making a detailed comparison between the assertions made in the programme and the evidence at the inquest.

Fishing-net threat to dolphins and porpoises

Extinction faces many species of dolphins, porpoises and small whales because they get in the way of fishermen hunting other animals.

An international convention on migratory species meets in Bonn tomorrow to list seven of the most endangered small cetaceans — mainly river dolphins in Brazil and China — that are down to a few hundred individuals. But the oceans also are dangerous for dolphins, porpoises and small whales, according to Dr John Harwood, director of the Sea Mammals Research Unit at Cambridge.

"The big worry is the increasing use in the past 10 years of passive fishing methods, using a huge net that is just left hanging around for days. Of course, not only fish but cetaceans swim into it", he said. Technology has also made the plastic nets almost rot-proof. Nets that break away can pose a hazard for dolphins for years, Dr Harwood said.

A total of 130,000 small cetaceans are reported caught by fishing boats in a year, but Mr Allan Thornton, a director of Greenpeace, said the true figure is certainly more than 200,000 and likely to be double that figure. "Individual boats have reported catching as many as 800 dolphins in two years, so if you look at the huge tuna fisheries of France, Spain and the Pacific, the number caught must be much larger than the official reports", he said.

Tunny fishing poses a particular threat because the yellowfin tunny often shoals below schools of dolphin. Fishermen surround the dolphins with nets, catching them together with the tunny below, Mr Thornton said.

Lester Piggott likely to be out soon on parole

By Andrew Moger

Lester Piggott is expected to be freed from prison in about two weeks' and he is unlikely to have much difficulty obtaining the trainer's licence he was forced to relinquish a year ago.

However, friends believe that the former racing jockey, aged 52, who was imprisoned for three years for a £2.8 million tax fraud, will not try to return to training immediately even though the Jockey Club has provisionally "wiped the slate clean".

"I would have thought, that it is highly unlikely that Mr Piggott will be mentally and physically strong enough to go straight back into it", one senior racing figure said.

It was confirmed yesterday that Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, had accepted a recommendation that parole should be granted. Piggott could be freed exactly 12 months after his trial on October 23 last year.

The Home Office emphasized that Piggott, 11 times champion jockey, had been treated like any other parole case.

However, there has been a campaign within racing circles to make sure that Piggott could be rehabilitated into racing again and allowed to rebuild his family life as soon as possible.

Mr Henry Cecil, the racing trainer, said: "I am very pleased for Lester and will be delighted to see him back. I am sure people will give him every encouragement; he is one of the club and things will be just the same as they were before this whole thing happened."

Mr Robert Armstrong, Mrs Piggott's brother, predicted an "overwhelming" reponse from trainers, riders and racegoers. "I think perhaps the general public opinion and support for him may have had something to do with the decision."

The Jockey Club is unlikely to stand in the way of his return to racing. When he was jailed, stewards decided to see whether he had breached any rules. A club spokesman said even if one was found the matter was not likely to be taken further.

Parents threaten to sue GCSE board over delayed results

Parents and governors at a school where pupils are waiting for their GCSE results seven weeks after they were due are threatening to sue the examining board.

Students from Ditcham Park School near Petersfield, Hampshire, have started college and A level courses without being able to prove that they have high enough grades to qualify for a place.

Teachers have given up part of their holidays and made constant telephone calls to the Midland Examining Group — a new board made up of five of the old O level and CSE bodies — to try to get the results and put the teenagers' minds at rest.

"The strain on us all has been enormous", Mrs Patty Holmes, the headmistress, said.

"It has, of course, been worst for the students and the examining board has been nothing short of incompetent.

"One father is taking legal advice in the hope that he can claim damages for the anxiety his daughter has had to face, and it is not hard to understand his point of view", Mrs Holmes said.

She has got in touch with her local MP to ask Mrs Angela Rumbold, Minister of State at the Department of Education and Science, to intervene personally.

Mrs Holmes said that the confusion has affected every one of last year's 38 fifth formers.

All pupils who had taken French, art and design and English had been marked "absent" while the results for all three science subjects were marked "to follow". The school was still waiting for written confirmation of the grades.

She added that the results were finally read over the telephone to teachers by the examiners. The next day when they were re-read to the school by another organization which was supposed to be collating the information, five pupils' grades had changed, one student went down from an A to a D.

An art student who started an A level course with a grade C in GCSE art was sent a second result slip telling her she only had a G.

"That was spotted immediately by her teacher who knew the girl's work well, and knew she could not possibly have got such a low grade", Mrs Holmes said.

"The teacher rang the board, and a third results slip arrived returning her to her original C grade.

"We only had 38 pupils to deal with and we know everyone of them very well, but in a school where there were 380 fifth formers, that sort of mistake could well go unnoticed."

Mrs Holmes added: "What has happened has been nothing short of incompetence on the part of the examining board. They are being quite honest about it, and have written to us saying that it is due to their mismanagement.

"We shall certainly be expecting compensation, although I am hoping they will volunteer a sum when all the dust has died down without us having to take them to court".

Mrs Holmes said that many schools may defect to other examining bodies.

"Schools cannot afford to allow their pupils to go through this at one of the most anxious times of their lives," she said.

Magdalene opens doors to women



Penny Bell and Victoria Bliss prepare to storm one of Oxbridge's last male bastions

More than 400 years of tradition will be broken tomorrow when Penny Bell, aged 19, and Victoria Bliss, aged 18, are admitted to Magdalene College, Cambridge — the last Oxbridge college to abandon male only education (Emma Wilkins writes).

Thirty-six girls from schools as diverse as Benenden, Kent, and Leicester Comprehensive will start the term with 66 male colleagues.

Mr David Calcutt, QC, Master of Magdalene, said that without women his college would have been something of an anachronism and standards might have suffered. "We felt we were swimming against the tide", he said. "Continued single-sex education for men is not very much in demand."

The arrival of the women has necessitated considerable redecoration throughout the college. Powder-blue tiles have replaced peeling plasterwork in the bathrooms and bedroom doors have been fitted with spy-holes to improve safety.

Penelope, from Sevenoaks School, Kent, said: "It is a shame that 446 years of tradition have been broken. I feel sorry about it, but it is a way for me to be at Cambridge and I'm very glad to be here. I have heard lots of stories about boys wearing black armbands in mourning, but I do not take it seriously."

Victoria, from Colbayns School, Essex, chose Magdalene because she thought it was small, friendly and helpful. "Going to Magdalene does not worry me because I am used to having lessons with boys", she said.

(Photograph: Marc Aspland.)

● Women are less likely to be recruited to academic posts and have poorer prospects for promotion than their male colleagues, a report to be published by the Association of University Teachers says.

Of the country's 47,000 lecturers, only 17 per cent are women, and of 295 promotions to professorships in 1985, only 12 women received chairs.

Essential reading for all students

Look out this week for *The Times* Student Special which is being distributed to freshers fairs, common rooms and campuses throughout the country.

The Student Special, which is free, contains information and news of particular interest to students who may be starting their college lives, and to those for whom finals and job-hunting will dominate next summer.

It contains articles on how to live on a grant and travelling on a low budget, details of what the banks offer undergraduates and what they want in return, and advice from Dr Thomas Stuttaford on how to survive as a student.

The Student Special also launches *The Times'* Enterprise Student Scheme which will put students in touch with



firms keen to give young talent a chance during vacations, thereby providing an unrivalled opportunity to improve eventual job chances.

Details of Presspass, which will introduce *The Times* to a new generation of readers by offering the paper at half price, are included, as well as information on how to apply for reduced-price tickets for concerts by the London Symphony Orchestra in London, Aberdeen, Birmingham, Cardiff, Edinburgh and Liverpool.

Attenborough sets pattern

Reading a quality newspaper is "an essential part of being a well-informed human being" Sir David Attenborough, the explorer and naturalist, said last night.

As an undergraduate at Clare College, Cambridge in the 1940s he read *The Times* every morning under the newspaper's student discount scheme — the predecessor of Presspass, which offers today's students a 50 per cent saving every day.

Speaking as he prepared to leave for a wildlife filming expedition for the BBC in Patagonia, Sir David said: "An essential part of being a well-informed human being is to take an active interest in what goes on around them by reading a quality newspaper". Presspass was "an excellent way of introducing undergraduates to newspaper reading".

Full-time students in Britain can apply for a Presspass pack, containing vouchers giving a 50 per cent discount on the price of *The Times* for a year. They will also be eligible for a free three-line advertisement in *The Times* and a £2 discount on the annual subscription to *Sky* magazine. Coupon, page 20

Female lawyers 'earn less'

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Women lawyers who work in industry earn substantially less than their male counterparts and there are still very few of them, according to a new survey published today.

The survey, by Chambers, the recruitment consultants, discloses that male lawyers in industry tend to earn about 12 per cent more than their female colleagues of similar age and status. And only 11 per cent of the survey sample of 337 lawyers were women.

It is the first time that Chambers, which has expertise in legal recruitment for industry, has made the comparison.

The consultants found that women constitute only 18 per cent of lawyers in the lowest group — legal assistants — and that only 6 per cent of legal advisers, the next rank up, are female. Men doing legal assistance work earn an average 7 per cent more than women, and male legal advisers earn 17 per cent more.

Mr Michael Chambers, senior partner of the agency, said the low female presence "contrasts strongly with private practice where, according to a survey we carried out earlier this year, women constitute about 36 per cent of assistant solicitors".

Mr Chambers said: "I would guess that women in general are less interested in going into a career in industry than men and this is probably as much to do with it as any prejudice on the part of industry".

The survey also shows that industry lawyers have enjoyed a dramatic pay rise in the past year. Taking into account salaries, bonuses, company cars and subsidized mortgages, earnings have risen by 16.5 per cent, the highest yearly increase since the 1981 figure of 18 per cent.

Mr Chambers said that last year it looked as if the big rises in private practice salaries had not had "the wider impact on salaries in industry and commerce that one might have expected".

But it seemed now as if the impact had been merely delayed. "Salaries of lawyers in industry seem to be rising as fast as those in private practice, particularly at the more junior levels where direct competition with private practice salaries is most felt."

The average total pay package of a lawyer in industry is now £39,670. The range goes from £31,085 for a legal assistant to £66,999 for a senior legal adviser.

Smoking ban shifts to hotels

By Robin Young

Nine hotels in Britain have banned smokers and one has, in effect, banned men.

The 1989 edition of *The Good Hotel Guide*, edited by Mr Hilary Rubinstein and published by the Consumers' Association, applauds such innovations but complains of continuing discrimination against women and children elsewhere.

The hotels which have banned smoking anywhere on the premises are Haydon House, Holly Lodge, Sydney Gardens and Somerset House, all in Bath; the Round House in Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire; Woodman's Arms Auberge, Hastingleigh, Kent; Walker Ground Manor, Hawkshead, Cumbria; the Old Rectory, Glan Conwy, Gwyneddi and Altnaharrie Inn, Ullapool, Highland.

The *Guide* comments: "As the anti-smoking lobby gathers strength more hotels are sensibly tuning in to the preferences of non-smokers for rooms that are not heavily impregnated with the fumes of previous occupants".

The nine hotels are small and Mr Rubinstein says that designation of no-go areas for smokers in larger hotels in Britain is taking place "but not as fast as it might".

The women-only hotel, not yet recommended in the *Guide* since Mr Rubinstein has not been able to inspect it, is Reeves on Shepherds Bush Green, west London. It opened in February offering 10 rooms, four of them twins, for businesswomen and women travelling alone. It is illegal not to admit men but those attempting to book are warned the hotel is intended for women only. To date no man has claimed a bed.

Ms Carol Reeves, the proprietress, said yesterday: "The rooms are specially fitted with hair driers, full-length mirrors, shower caps and other things that would be of most use to women, and in our advertising we emphasize security, good lighting and an all-female environment. We are running at about half capacity at present, but I hope we never have to fill the rest of the rooms by letting to men."

The Good Hotel Guide 1989 (Consumers' Association and Hodder & Stoughton; £10.95).

Blood appeal response averts London crisis

By David Sapsted

The blood shortage in London which threatened to stop thousands of non-emergency operations was averted over the weekend as emergency supplies poured in to the North West Thames Regional Heath Authority.

However, Dr Marcela Contreras, the director of the North London Blood Transfusion Service, said last night that although the immediate crisis had passed, there would be another within a month unless many more regular donors came forward.

An emergency delivery of 500 units of O-positive blood, the type most commonly used, was sent from Scotland at the weekend and the Army supplied 132 units. Many hundreds of individuals offered blood and two north London donor centres were kept open on Saturday to handle the rush. The Department of Health said yesterday that the response had averted a London crisis and no problems were reported elsewhere.

"Thanks mainly to a report on our situation in *The Times*, a great many people have been coming forward", Dr Contreras said.

"Our telephone has not stopped ringing all weekend; many of the calls coming from former, regular donors whom we had not heard from for two or three years".

No one reason has been identified for the reduction in donors

Portfolio PLUS Accumulator

No hurry for winner of £8,000

Mr Malcolm Scott, aged 86, is giving himself time to decide how to spend £8,000 he is to receive as the outright winner of the weekly Portfolio prize.

"He is just having a lovely time thinking about it", Mrs Kathleen Scott, his wife, said.

Mr and Mrs Scott live at Donhead St Mary, Wiltshire, and have three children, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mr Scott is a retired leather merchant.

Tales from ancient Persia for sale

SALEROOM

by Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

Fourteen folios from the Houghton Shahnameh, which Christie's describes as "the greatest Persian manuscript in the world", are up for sale tomorrow; estimates for single sheets range from £60,000 to £200,000.

The Shahnameh, presented in 1568 to the Ottoman Sultan Selim II, has as its subject the epic Persian poem, "The Book of the Kings". In it the legend and history of ancient Persia are illustrated by 15 artists over three generations.

The manuscript remained with the Ottoman Sultans until 1801; in 1903 it was bought by Baron Edmond de Rothschild and passed to Arthur A. Houghton Junior in 1959 for an undisclosed sum.

Mr Houghton, now aged 81, has already scattered about half the 258 illustrated leaves from the manuscript, having donated 78 to the Metropolitan Museum, New York, and sold many others to private collectors in Switzerland. Seven leaves sold at Christie's in 1976, attained record prices up to £280,000.

● When Christie's New York was offered the Hyde Collection to sell it knew this was probably the most important private collection of Japanese books and manuscripts in the world (Jenny Gilbert writes).

What surprised the auction house at the weekend sale was what buyers were prepared to pay. Every one of the 160 lots sold and the total of $5,794,250 (£3,408,400) was five times Christie's expectations.

Almost everything went to Japanese dealers, largely bidding on commission from prosperous Japanese academic institutions keen to assemble collections of indigenous early literary work.

'Mummy, why can't I have special legs like David?'

Like any other twins, when four year old David Brownbill gets something special, his sister Kate wants the same. A year ago David got a pair of calipers. His sister thought he was really lucky and in a way she was right.

Ten years ago he would have had a wheelchair to look forward to.

But now there's a chance he won't, because the research into Muscular Dystrophy is now gathering momentum.

In October 1986 scientists identified the gene responsible for Duchenne, the most common and most severe strain of Muscular Dystrophy.

Just over a year later, as the world celebrated Christmas Eve, researchers gave medical science something to cheer about.

They had identified the protein which is missing from boys affected by Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.

It was named "dystrophin."

The next step is to discover its role in the genetic make up of our bodies.

Then it's only a matter of time before a way of compensating for the absence of this protein is found.

These recent scientific discoveries have meant we are now closer to a treatment than anyone ever dared hope.

Helping to fund this worldwide research is the main purpose of the Muscular Dystrophy Group.



We're a nationwide voluntary organisation, who also care for children and adults affected by the dystrophies and give counselling to their families.

When the cure is found, this heartbreaking disease will become a thing of the past and Kate won't be jealous of David's "special legs" any more, because boys like him will have normal ones.

Muscular Dystrophy Week is October 15-22. That's why we're advertising now. We can't afford to do it all year round. That week, Muscular Dystrophy will be a national issue, with lots of opportunities for everyone to join in. If you want to help in any way at all, we'd be delighted to hear from you. Who knows? It could be your contribution which helps us to make the final breakthrough.

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In the first six months from sales of £682.49 million pre-tax profits have grown by 15.5% to £86.14 million. Earnings per share have grown by 20.6% to 35.16p and the dividend is up by 17.3%.

Divergence between electorate's pessimism and voting intentions

Labour not seen as credible option

The latest three-month aggregate of MORI polls, the largest measurement of opinion on the polling scene, shows that the Conservative lead over Labour has widened from an average 5 per cent in the second quarter of the year to 7 per cent in the third quarter.

The former Alliance parties — the SLD (or Democrats) and the SDP — remain nearly immobile on 8 and 4 per cent respectively.

However, the Conservative lead over Labour of 14 per cent in the single month of August dropped to 5 per cent in September.

A remarkable divergence between the economic optimism index and the voting intentions expressed indicates that the Labour Opposition is failing to capitalize on the Government's difficulties with the economy and is not regarded as a credible alternative.

Although British politics appear to be a settling to a remarkably consistent pattern, the Conservatives have advanced in the Midlands, especially among older women and among council tenants.

There seems no obvious explanation why they should have done so.

Between the second and third quarters of 1988 there has been a 7 per cent swing to the Conservatives among working-class women aged over 55; a 6.5 per cent swing in their favour among middle-class council tenants and 5.5 per cent among working-class council tenants.

The Tories have benefited from a 6 per cent swing in their favour among the working class in the Midlands.

There has also been a 5 per cent swing in their favour among 15 to 17-year-olds whom MORI has been polling this year in the likelihood that they will be first-time voters at the next election.

At present that age group shows a strong preference for Labour and more or less equally prefers Dr David Owen's SDP to Mr Paddy Ashdown's Democrats.

The teenagers' current voting intentions are: Labour 52 per cent, Conservatives 36 per cent, SLD 4 per cent, SDP 5 per cent and others 3 per cent.

Opinion on what constitute the most important issues indicates that the Government has weathered the storm over the National Health Service and had effectively done so even before Mrs Margaret Thatcher split the old Department of Health and Social Security in her summer reshuffle to give the Government's efforts a higher profile.

At the last election unemployment topped the list of most important issues, with 68 per cent naming it among their greatest concerns. The health service was cited by 28 per cent and law and order by 17 per cent.

At one stage last winter concern over the NHS soared to 68 per cent, but in the latest three-month average it is now down to 36 per cent.

Unemployment as an issue has dropped to 44 per cent and law and order/crime, after rising to 34 per cent in June, has fallen to 24 per cent in September, after the announcement of a small drop in the crime figures.

For Mr Douglas Hurd, the Homes Secretary, shortly to face the Conservative conference for the first time since the Commons rejected the restoration of the death penalty, that can only be good news.

Q: Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way
- **The Government is running the country?**
- **Mrs Thatcher is doing her job as Prime Minister?**
- **Mr Kinnock is doing his job as leader of the Labour Party?**
- **Mr Ashdown is doing his job as leader of the SLD?**
- **Dr Owen is doing his job as leader of the SDP?**

	Govt		Thatcher		Kinnock		Ashdown		Owen	
	Sat %	Dis %	Sat %	Dis %	Sat %	Dis %	Sat %	Dis %	Sat %	Dis %
Jul 21-25	41	53	46	49	30	57	14	19	30	33
Aug 18-22	44	48	50	45	28	59	15	19	27	39
Sep 21-26	38	53	46	47	32	53	19	23	31	37

The September sample showed unemployment as the biggest single issue of concern at 25 per cent, with the NHS second on 12 per cent and crime third on 10 per cent. But among old age pensioners that last figure rises to 17 per cent.

Only 8 per cent of pensioners put the health service as their top concern although old people are among its biggest customers.

There are considerable differences in the attitudes of the age groups on issues. Among the 18-24 age group 55 per cent see unemployment as an important issue.

Among old age pensioners that drops to only 31 per cent. And while 23 per cent of 18-24 year olds see nuclear weapons and disarmament as an important issue only 7 per cent of pensioners do.

Despite the high publicity over recent months for the Government's difficulties over the exchange rate and the value of the pound, only 1 per cent of those polled listed it as important.

Only 6 per cent listed the environment, conservation and pollution as a serious concern, although the polling was completed before Mrs Thatcher's recent speech

The environment remains a concern more in the South, with 9 per cent of former Alliance supporters, 6 per cent of Conservatives and only 3 per cent of Labour supporters listing it.

That suggests "not in my back yard" concern about building encroachment on the southern green belt and worries about industrial pollution and the inner cities in urban areas.

Public opinion about the performance of the various party leaders has moved little over the past three months. While 46 per cent think Mrs Thatcher is doing a good job as Prime Minister, 47 per cent think she fills the role badly.

The new Democrat leader, Mr Paddy Ashdown, in on minus four and Dr David Owen on minus six, while Mr Kinnock trails on minus 21.

The latest of the MORI polls constituting the three-month sample was taken during the recent SLD conference and Mr Ashdown, elected only in July, shows some advance among supporters of his own party.

In July, when it appeared certain that he was to become leader, 40 per cent of Democrats thought he was doing a good job and 8 per cent that he was not. In August his rating was 40-5 in favour and in September it was 54-8 as Mr Ashdown figured more in the news.

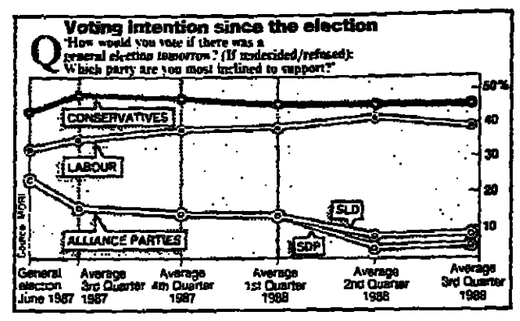
One of the remarkable features revealed by the accompanying graphs is the widening gap between the economic optimism index and the Conservative Government's lead.

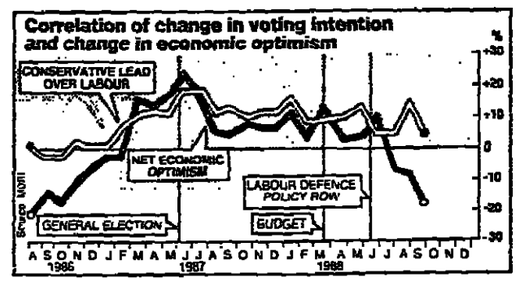
That crucial index is calculated by subtracting the number who believe the economy will deteriorate over the next 12 months from those who believe it will improve.

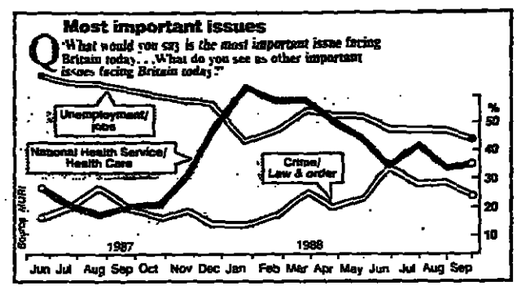
In May the index stood at plus 15 but it has fallen steadily since. In June it was plus six, in July it dropped to minus 5, in August to minus nine and in September to minus 18.

Over the quarter MORI interviewed 5,727 adults aged 18 or over — of whom 4,732 expressed a voting intention — plus 232 aged 15 to 17, who expressed a voting intention in more than 170 constituency sampling points.

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Shifting union factors

MORI's figures provide an interesting picture of attitudes within the trades unions.

The Conservative lead of 46-39 extends to 50-36 among non-union voters. Among trades unionists Labour, which regularly enjoyed more than 50 per cent of the union vote when it was winning elections and dropped to only 39 per cent in 1983, has recovered some ground, even though demographic factors worked against the party.

Trades union support for Labour is back up to 50 per cent, with only 34 per cent of them favouring the Conservatives. The older the trades unionist, the more likely it is that Labour allegiance weakens.

VOTING TRENDS

Change since second quarter (%)

	2 Qtr	Now All	Ch	2 Qtr	Now Men	Ch	2 Qtr	Now Women	Ch
Con	46	46	0	46	46	0	46	47	1
Lab	41	39	-2	42	41	-1	40	37	-3
SLD	7	8	+1	6	7	+1	8	9	+1
SDP	4	4	0	4	4	0	5	5	0
Con lead	+5	+7	+2	+4	+5	+1	+6	+10	+4
	ABC1			C2			DE		
Con	61	60	-1	42	43	+1	30	31	+1
Lab	25	24	-1	44	44	0	59	55	-4
SLD	6	9	+1	7	6	-1	5	8	+3
SDP	5	4	-1	5	5	0	4	5	+1
Con lead	+36	+36	0	-2	-1	+1	-29	-24	+5
	18-24			25-34			35-54		
Con	42	42	0	47	45	-2	47	47	0
Lab	45	45	0	40	42	+2	38	37	-1
SLD	6	5	-1	7	7	0	7	8	+1
SDP	3	4	+1	4	4	0	5	5	0
Con lead	-3	-3	0	+7	+3	-4	+8	+10	+1
	55+			Trade Unionist			Non TU		
Con	46	49	+3	37	34	-3	49	50	+1
Lab	41	37	-4	49	50	+1	38	36	-2
SLD	7	9	+2	7	9	+2	7	8	+1
SDP	4	4	0	4	4	0	4	5	+1
Con lead	+6	+12	+7	-12	-16	-4	+11	+14	+3
	North			Midlands			South		
Con	35	35	0	49	51	+2	55	54	-1
Lab	52	50	-2	40	37	-3	30	30	0
SLD	5	7	+2	6	6	0	9	10	+1
SDP	3	3	0	4	5	+1	6	5	-1
Con lead	-17	-15	+2	+9	+14	+4	+25	+24	-1
	Owner Occupier			Council Tenant			Private Tenant		
Con	55	54	-1	22	27	+5	37	39	+2
Lab	32	32	0	65	58	-7	48	43	-5
SLD	7	8	+1	5	6	+1	7	8	+1
SDP	5	5	0	3	4	+1	6	6	0
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WHITEHALL BRIEF
by David Walker

The end of central recruiting in sight

Fortified by his British Rail kippers, Lord Young of Graffham was reminiscing about his early life as an articled clerk, on the way to Cardiff last week for the launch of Companies House as the Department of Trade and Industry's first "executive agency".

He conjured up quite a picture of a young would-be accountant rummaging through the dusty ledgers at Bush House, where the companies registration operation was then located.

The clerk returned in style to view the new technology and cut the cake to celebrate the launch of Companies House (its main office is now in Cardiff) as an arm's length agency, with Mr Stephen Curtis, the grade five Civil Servant in charge, being given a lot more leeway in managerial matters than has been the case.

Accompanying Lord Young was Mr Peter Kemp, the permanent secretary of the Office of the Minister for the Civil Service and project manager for the Ibbs *Next Steps* initiative which led to Companies House being reorganized.

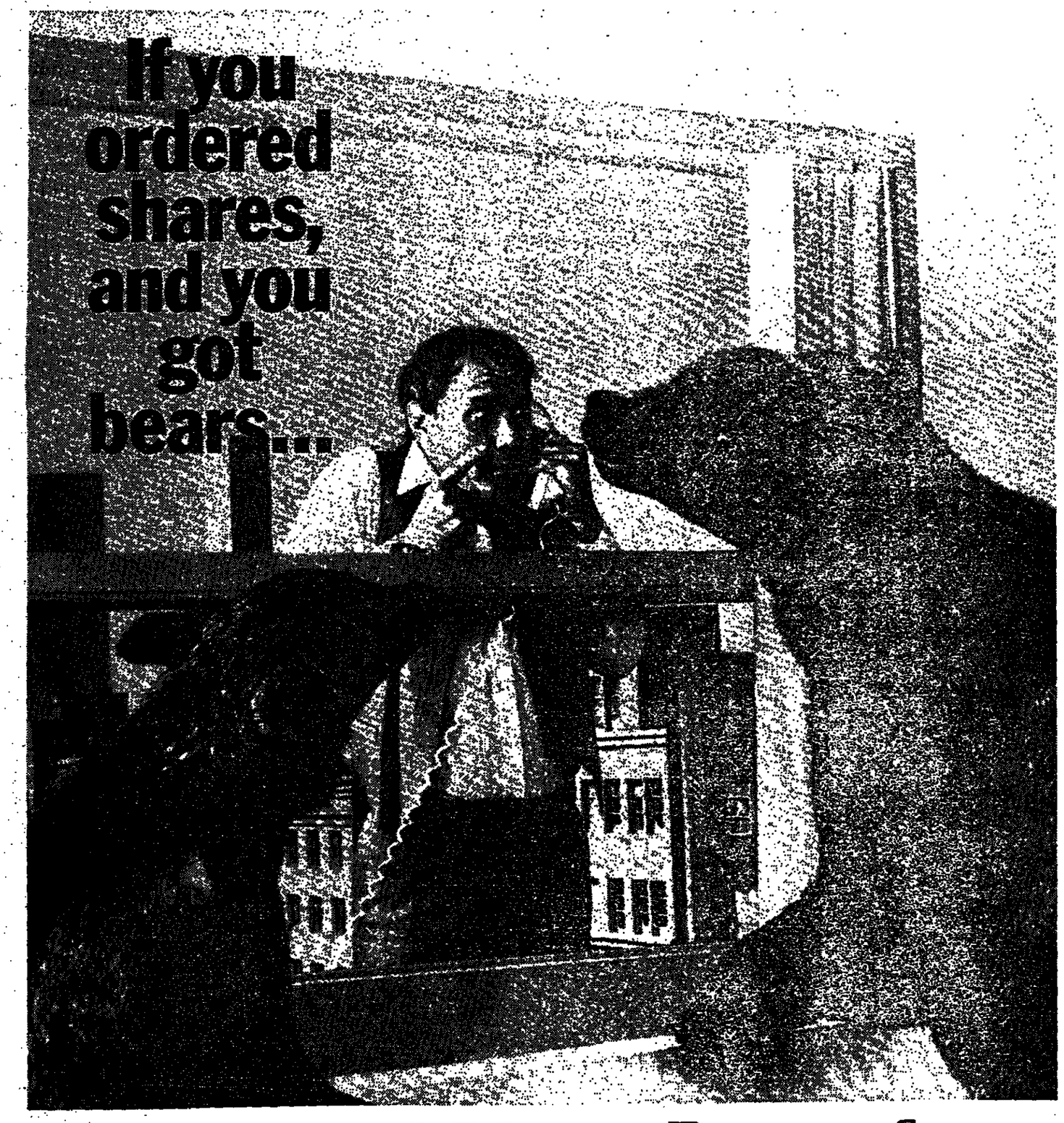
Mr Curtis, the new chief executive, has been given a "bible" for his job, in the shape of a *Policy and Resources Framework*. Its tone and content are noticeably different from that issued for the first of the new executive agencies, the Department of Transport's Vehicle Inspectorate, set up in August. The latter is more detailed, more concerned to establish the inspectorate as answerable to and through the department.

The sections of each document devoted to staffing bear comparison. For the inspectorate, "recruitment will be carried out by the Civil Service Commission or by the inspectorate under arrangements approved by the commissioners". Companies House, however, is to have full delegated powers to recruit administrative officers and secretarial staff, for higher grades it "may make" arrangements with, or "may recruit in collaboration" with the Civil Service Commission.

Those words matter. They presage, eventually, a diminution in the role of the Civil Service Commission in making appointments to the Civil Service. The logic of creating executive agencies is clearly to downgrade and perhaps eventually abandon the commission as a central body supervising who gets Civil Service jobs. It has been on the cards for some time.

The commission was set up in the nineteenth century to stop graft and jobbery but now its "constitutional" role seems to sit uneasily with the tough-minded managerialists in the Cabinet Office.

Is this a Victorian value we can now do without? The answer from certain Whitehall offices is yes. Bringing in people from the private sector (and indeed Civil Servants returning after a period in the business world) is going to make the commission's caveats and lengthy procedures more onerous. And a commission concerned with propriety and ethics is not exactly a hot destination for high-fliers these days.

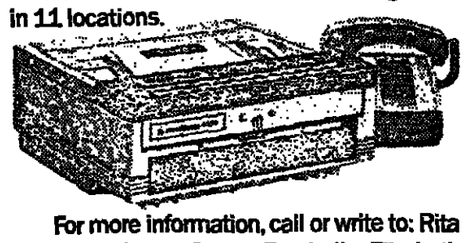


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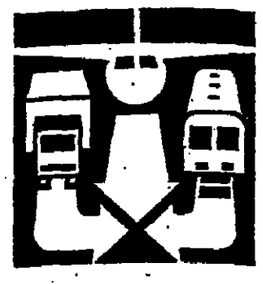
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Strategy to beat Britain's crowded roads, rail and skies



M-way warning: tolls ahead

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

Choked road, rail and air networks have moved transport into the centre of the British political arena. Tomorrow, at the Conservative Party conference, Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Transport, will outline his agenda for dealing with those problems. Public-sector investment in railways and roads is running at a high level but seems unlikely to be able to deal, in an acceptable time scale, with the problems which are becoming worse every year. Because of that Mr Channon is seeking to enlist the support of private finance and industry to augment public spending programmes. How would Britons react to additional stretches of motorway or to fast lanes, on which they had to pay tolls? Specialists at *The Times* look at the dilemmas facing Mr Channon.

Britons are going to have to get used to the idea of paying to drive on some roads. That is the inevitable consequence of government efforts to involve private capital in road building as part of its strategy for coping with an estimated traffic growth of up to 31 per cent by the end of the century.

Congestion is already estimated to cost £3 billion a year and tomorrow Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Transport, must outline what he intends to do about it.

A booming economy is exposing the consequences of two decades of inadequate investment, especially on railways and the London Underground.

Mr Channon's difficulty is that the congestion is here today, and getting worse, but the solutions are long term, with relatively little improvement capable of being achieved in under five years.

Both British Rail and London Underground are investing at a record rate, but it remains to be seen whether they can outstrip the growth of demand and eliminate the appalling travelling conditions on many services, particularly in London and the South-east.

Mr Channon is responsible for both the motorways and trunk roads of England, although not of Scotland and Wales, and the motorway programme which he inherited looks threadbare. Britain has only about half the length of motorways of either Italy or France, and the comparison with West Germany is even more unfavourable.

Despite that, the attitude of the Department of Transport has been to view the primary motorway network as being almost complete, with just a few gaps remaining to be filled, such as that between Maidstone and Ashford on the M20, and the M40 extension from Oxford to Birmingham, which will provide a new fast route from the South-east to the Midlands and beyond, reducing pressure on the southern sections of the M1. Not everyone would agree with that view.

In London, spending on roads will be largely devoted to getting greater capacity out of existing roads and removing the worst bottlenecks, and any increased levels of investment will be directed towards the railways and London Underground, rather than roads.

The department's attention has, therefore, switched to a large-scale programme of building by-passes to ease the traffic pressure on towns and villages. But the consequence is that in the 30 months from April last year, until the end of 1989, only 16 miles of motorway will have been completed, out of a total of about 43 miles under construction.

The road lobby is pressing for far grander schemes than those. The British Road Federation has called for a Home Counties Orbital road encircling the M25 about 30 miles from central London, near towns such as Maidstone, Guildford and Luton. It would siphon off radial traffic, for example to the Channel Tunnel before it reached the M25. It is seen as probably being built in sections.

Another proposal which has been floated is for a new motorway to duplicate the M6 between Birmingham and Preston, and for the A1 to be upgraded to motorway standard all the way from London to Newcastle upon Tyne.

Most of those schemes are unlikely to come to fruition for years, if ever, although clearly something fairly radical will have to be done to reduce the congestion on the M25.

In any case the omens for a resurgence of roadbuilding do not look good. Even with the motorway building programme at a low ebb the Department of Transport has managed to get itself into a financial muddle. It has had a record £1billion to spend on roads in this financial year, yet it has had to impose restraints on some projects contracts to keep within budget.

About half of the £142 million due to be spent on motorway repairs this year has had to be rolled forward, making it doubtful whether the Government can achieve its target of eliminating a backlog of structural repairs by 1992. What is not clear is whether that is a temporary difficulty, or whether the department has fundamentally underestimated the cost of carrying out its programme.

It is financial pressures of that sort which, quite apart from any doctrinal attraction, are forcing Mr Channon to look to private capital – and tolls – to help him out of his difficulties.

If private capital is to get itself involved in financing road-building, some means will have to be found to speed the planning and other processes. An entrepreneur is not likely to be attracted by the prospect of repeating the experience of the M20, where a project to build the section between Maidstone and Ashford first entered the programme in 1967, had a public inquiry in 1973, and may at last be due to start construction.

Mr Channon himself does not like the idea of tolls and is aware that people still feel resentful about having to pay them on some bridges, such as those across the Forth, the Clyde, the Humber and the Severn. Nevertheless the prospect of privately financed stretches of motorway or trunk road, paid for by tolls, is under consideration and it is almost certain that they will be with us within a few years, even if only as a marginal adjunct to the main toll-free, publicly financed road network.

He also faces an even more difficult option: that of tackling congestion in city centres by charging for the use of the busiest public roads. The likely public reaction to such notions would make any politician blanch and Mr Channon has said he would only introduce such a "road-pricing" as a last resort. He says it, however, in a way which suggests that he fears that such policies may be forced, if not on himself, at least on some later holder of his office.

In Britain it is London which is the focus of such thoughts, with traffic speeds averaging only 11.5 mph in the centre throughout much of the day, and down to as little as 6 mph for brief periods on some short stretches.

Mr Channon has decided that it would be both undesirable and ineffective to tackle those problems by large-scale road-building. He seems to have accepted the view that new roads merely beget more traffic, at least in the context of the capital.

Although there are some large-scale roadworks in London, in progress or in prospect, such as the upgrading the North Circular Road, and some scheme to make the South Circular Road more like a coherent route and less like a maze, the emphasis is more on improving the public transport systems.

Critics argue that current plans will not prove sufficient to cope with London's traffic growth and that restraints will have to be imposed, either by limiting access or levying charges as in other cities (Milan, Florence, Rome, Singapore and, soon, in the Netherlands).

In Britain, if the economy were to slow down dramatically London might avoid such systems, but if it were to continue to grow at anything like the rate of the past few years, Mr Channon or his successors will have to give the matter some serious thought, however much they might dislike the idea of having to pay to use the public highway.

Channon dilemma over air policy

By Harvey Elliot
Air Correspondent

Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Transport, faces enormous pressure to create more space for rapidly expanding air traffic – but he also faces the opposition of one of the Conservative Party's fiercest lobbies.

That lobby is ready to pounce at the first indication that he might ease the problem by building another runway in the South-east or by lifting restrictions on night flights into Gatwick and Heathrow.

Pressure from airlines, international aviation organizations and airline users (plus a large number of back-bench Tories) is intense, but it is puny compared with that of MPs determined to protect the environment of their constituents.

So fare, Mr Channon has been able to put off the day when, he privately admits, he will have to grasp the nettle and put forward planning applications that will cause outrage in the Shires.

Two official reports being prepared by the Civil Aviation Authority will show what new infrastructure is needed to cope with demand and make procrastination no longer an option.

At a meeting with airlines next month, Mr Channon will be told that the aspirations of millions of holidaymakers and the smooth running of international business will be ruined unless immediate action is taken.

The number of people travelling is growing so rapidly that it will have doubled by the year 2005.

Aircraft manufacturers and aviation organizations agree that if the current economic boom goes on and oil prices remain low, a growth averaging at least 5 per cent a year is certain.

British Airways alone has more than 50 new aircraft worth £3.9 billion on order for delivery over the next few years. The problem, as it and other airlines see it, is that unless new runways are built, or at least ordered, there will soon be nowhere for them to go.

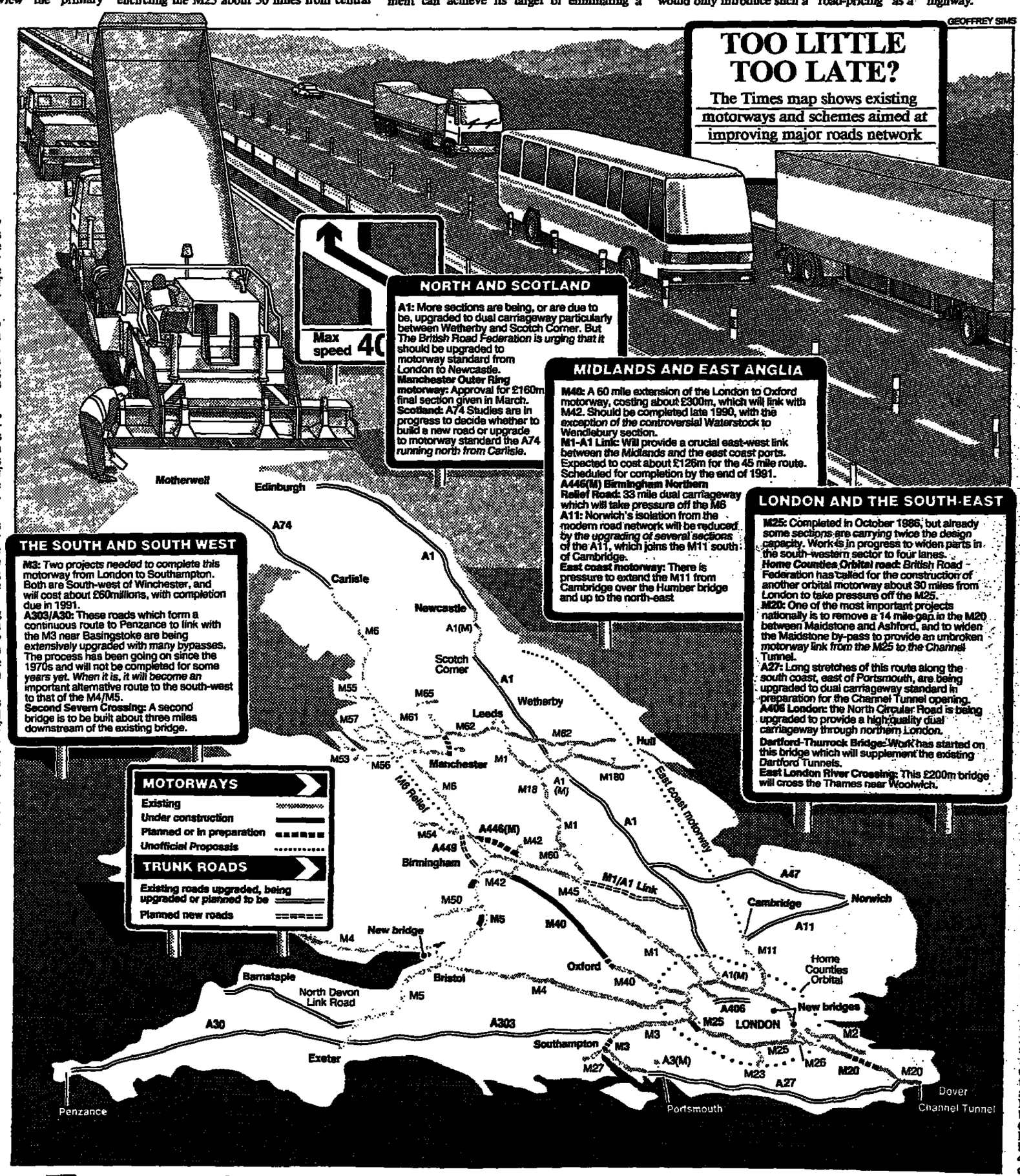
Successive governments have boxed themselves in, however.

Gatwick Airport cannot have a second runway because of an earlier pledge by a minister who bowed to environmental pressure; Stansted will need parliamentary approval just to develop its projected growth from eight to 15 million passengers a year and a full-scale inquiry if another runway is to be built; and Heathrow is already full.

One option, which some within the department believe may have to be faced, is to put a limit on the number of flights which can take place into and out of the South-east.

That would be anathema to all the Government holds dear and would lead inevitably to controls, high fares and a choke on the country's economic development.

Observers at Brighton tomorrow will be ready to seize on any hint which Mr Channon may drop about the way he is thinking. One thing is certain: when he finally puts his head above the parapet, probably early next year, he is going be shot at.



Roadworks

£58m set aside for M40 links

Contracts worth £58 million have been awarded for the construction of two three-lanesections of the M40 extension from Oxford to Birmingham.

One, worth £24 million, has been awarded to Tarmac Construction to build the most southerly section of the Banbury bypass, while R M Douglas has won a £34 million contract to build another 7½ mile stretch.

London and the South-east

M25 Surrey: Contraflow between jns 11 and 13 (Chertsey/Staines). Reduced to two lanes at jn 12 (M3).
M20 Kent: Lane restrictions between jns 11 and 12 (Hythe/Cheriton).
M40 Buckinghamshire: Contraflow between jns 6 and 7 (Watlington/Thame).

Midlands

M5 Hereford/Worcester: Contraflows between jns 4 and 4a (Bromsgrove/M42).
M6 West Midlands: Lane closures northbound between jns 6 and 7 (Spaghetti Junction).
M54 Shropshire: Eastbound lane closures at jn 4 (A462/A464).
M5 Hereford/Worcester: Large abnormal loads every Sunday between jns 1 and 11 (Oldbury to Wareham) until November 27.

North

M62 Greater Manchester: Contraflow between jns 21 and 22 (A640/A672).
M62 West Yorkshire: Contraflow between jns 24 and 25 (Huddersfield/A644). Long delays at peak times.
M63 Greater Manchester: Two-lane narrow contraflow between jns 1 and 3 (Barton Bridge). Single-line traffic both ways between jns 3 and 6 (Barton/A6144). Contraflow between jns 12 and 13 (A5145/A560). Eastbound entry slip closed at jn 12.
M180 Humberside: Lane closures east and west-bound between jns 1 and 2 (A614/A161).

Wales and West

M4 Gwent: Various lane restrictions on both carriageways between jns 24 and 29 (A449/A48M).
M5 Somerset: Lane closures between jns 23 and 24 (A38/A358).

Scotland

M74 Strathclyde: Resurfacing of slip roads at jns 5 and 6 (Edinburgh/Motherwell). Lane restrictions. Contraflow between jns 7 and 8 (Lanark/A71). Contraflow south of jn 10 (B7078). Offside lane closed in both directions from jn 11 to south of jn 12 (A74).
M8 Strathclyde: Eastbound outside lane closed for barrier repairs between jns 27 and 26 (Hillington/Renfrew). Contraflow at jn 31 (A8). Eastbound access closed.
M9 Central Region: Contraflow between jns 9 (M80) and 10 (Craigforth).
M80 Central Region: Northbound carriageway between jns 4 and 8 (Glasgow/Stirling) closed. Diversion via A803.

Frustrations at high noon on a clogged-up clearway

By Staff Reporters

It is close to noon on the Chiswick High Road, west London, one of Britain's most congested thoroughfares. Its status as an urban clearway is a motorist's and traffic engineer's joke.

Metropolitan Police Constables 216 and 218 are on station, with the job of keeping the traffic moving from Hammersmith through to the junction of the North Circular Road, A4 and M4 at Gunnersbury roundabout by Kew Bridge.

A taxi pulls up to collect a passenger and blocks one of the two lanes into London. A motorist stops to chat to the taxi-driver – blocking the other lane. A jam develops and from it a woman in a Granada Ghia pulls over to the wrong side of the road to seek directions from the officers – blocking a 237 bus on its way to Shepherds Bush.

Having been advised and admonished, she mounts the pavement to avoid the bus and carves her way back into her proper lane. As she does so a van parks on a yellow line between a zebra and a bus stop.

The situation at Chiswick High Road (A315) is a daily lesson on how the capital, and by extension Britain, effectively has no policy for urban roads.

Chiswick's main thoroughfare has become a road to appal the theorists who a generation ago urged the separation of through and local traffic and of pedestrians and vehicles. The high road is a muddle of all: an artery into the capital, a shopping street, a bus route and a dispersal point for people, prams, wheelchairs and drivers off the M4 who have lost their way.

Who, then, is responsible for managing it all?

There are candidates aplenty. Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Tranport, is at the top. His department has direct responsibility for London's primary roads, although it devolves day-to-day maintenance to agents, the local borough authorities. In principle, Mr Channon's department works with a giant road plan.

The reality of transport planning is less glamorous. The road map for London – the detailed statement of where the arteries lead – is still substantially that described in the 1976 Greater London Development Plan, drawn up by the Greater London Council. Since then the Department of Transport has commissioned various ad hoc studies of road usage and future demand for road space.

At the moment, new road-building seems to be favoured. Mr Channon and other ministers remain firmly against schemes for pricing motorists off certain roads, perhaps by means of tolls – a policy favoured by Sir Peter Imbert, Metropolitan Police Commissioner.

It is Sir Peter and his officers who effectively determine the quality and quantity of the traffic flow in London.

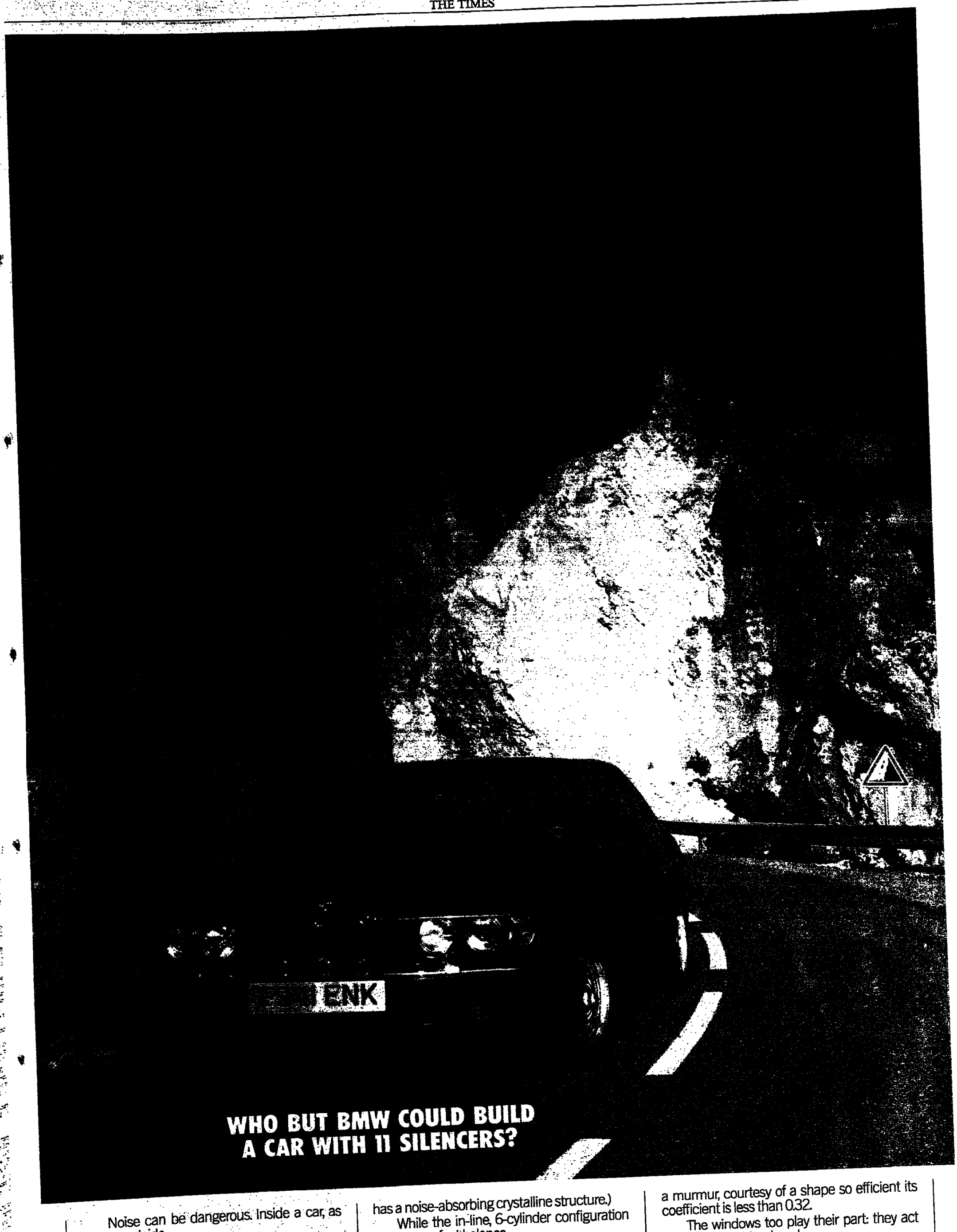
Then there is the local council, the London Borough of Hounslow. It is led by Mr Dave Wetzel, former busman and former chairman of the GLC's transport committee. The nearest approach to a plan for Chiswick High Road comes in the council's annual submission to the Department of Transport of its Transport Policies Programme.

Mr Wetzel and his fellow councillors have married their principal concern – the welfare of local Hounslow residents – with broader ambitions, such as making the Thames a more intensively used thoroughfare.

Next year a new metering scheme is to come to Chiswick High Road, partly a knock-on response to parking restrictions imposed by Hounslow's inner neighbour, Hammersmith. The council is set to increase the number of meter wardens it employs.

Yet while the municipal thinking is going on, the daily traffic through Chiswick has to be managed somehow. The Department of Transport decides where the signs should go to point the way. The council decides on non-slip zebra surfaces. Police and council decide on the scale of vigilance and retribution.

Because police, borough and ministry do talk to each other there is as yet no monumental crisis in west London traffic. But that is traffic management in a vacuum. Active input from the motorist, moving or parking, or pedestrian or bus rider is minimal. Conflicting interests do get balanced, but it is policy-making by stealth. The objectives of traffic management in London are left unclear and road users are left to rail at what increasingly looks like a random fate.



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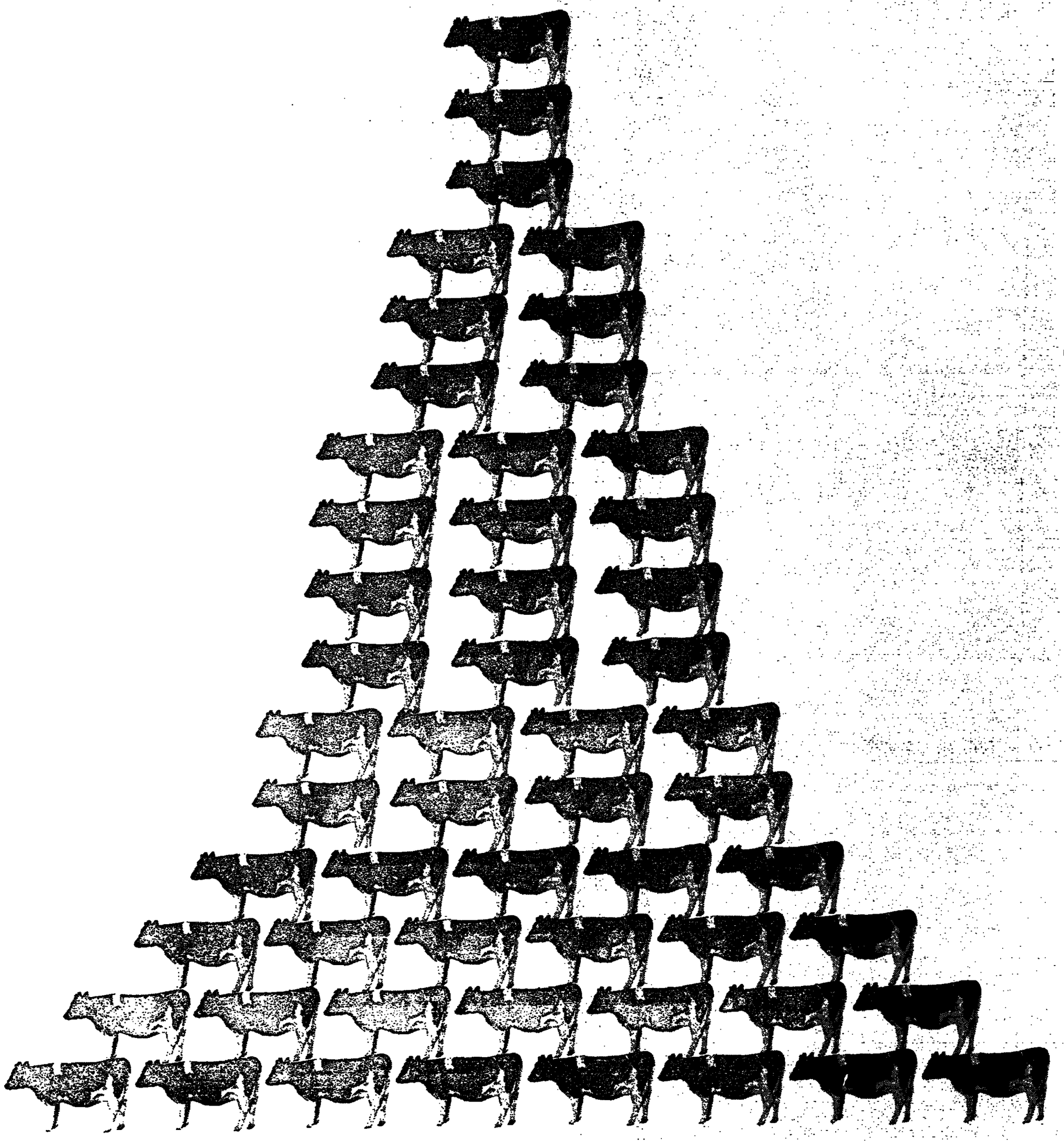
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Lambsdorff makes comeback to lead Germany's liberals

From John England, Bonn

West Germany's liberals have brought a strongman back into national politics, just as the conservatives have lost theirs in the person of the late Franz Josef Strauss.

In Wiesbaden on Saturday, Count Otto Lambsdorff, aged 61, was elected chairman of the Free Democratic Party as Herr Strauss, Prime Minister of Bavaria and leader of the Christian Social Union, was being buried at rural Rott am Inn, near Munich.

Count Lambsdorff won 211 votes out of a possible 400, with a second candidate, Frau Irmgard Adam-Schwaetzer, aged 46, receiving 187 votes. She was later overwhelmingly elected one of the party's three deputy chairmen.

Count Lambsdorff is no Strauss. But he is on the right of the FDP and was one of the architects of the party's switch from its 13-year coalition with the Social Democratic Party to the conservatives in 1982 which made Herr Helmut Kohl Chancellor. Frau Adam-Schwaetzer would not recoil from the idea of a new coalition with the SPD.

No doubt relieved at the liberals' choice, Herr Kohl telephoned Count Lambsdorff with his congratulations. The Chancellor is also taking comfort from a declaration by Count Lambsdorff that he will not seek a ministerial seat in Bonn, which could complicate a Cabinet reshuffle expected later this year.

Like Herr Strauss, Count Lambsdorff is not known for false modesty or poverty of ambition. But he is facing the realities of a scandal that made him resign as Economics Minister in 1984, after seven years in the post.

He was charged with corruption in accepting donations for FDP funds from the Flick concern in return for tax favours. He was acquitted in 1987, but found guilty of tax evasion and fined DM 180,000 (about £57,000).

His election as chairman in succession to Herr Martin Bangemann — who is to join the EEC Commission in Brussels — was his rehabilitation by the party. But it is thought unlikely that he will hold Cabinet office again.

The austere aristocrat told delegates and reporters in Wiesbaden that he intended to give the Free Democrats, the junior partners in the centre-right coalition in Bonn, "more edges, a sharper profile" within the alliance.

Count Lambsdorff would have been a much tougher opponent for Herr Strauss — who loved to bait the "wishy-washy" FDP — than Herr Bangemann proved to be. He will accept no bullying of his party by the successor of Herr Strauss.

The FDP, however, will also miss Herr Strauss's indirect help in federal elections.

The liberals profited from portraying the Bavarian leader as a right-wing bogeyman, and in January last year did well from a "stop Strauss" vote. Now, as Count Lambsdorff warned in Wiesbaden, the Free Democrats must depend upon their own efforts.

Waiting to take up top party post



Count Otto Lambsdorff, a former West German Economics Minister, waiting for the official announcement in Wiesbaden that he had been elected to lead the Free Democratic Party.

Bentsen brings new sparkle to Democrat campaign

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

In an aggressive final push towards election day, the Democrats intend to capitalise on the new national appeal of Senator Lloyd Bentsen, the vice-presidential contender, who will start campaigning intensively for the first time this week outside his native south-west.

The new strategy came as two polls showed the Democrats trailing. A state-by-state survey by United Press International gave the Republicans a slight edge, while Cable News Network said they had a nine-point lead.

Mr Bentsen's late introduction to the national campaign follows his much-praised debate performance against Senator Dan Quayle, the Republican vice-presidential nominee. Mr Bentsen will campaign in critical states like New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Until now, he has campaigned almost exclusively in Texas and other southern states, where his conservative politics — particularly on defence — and his ability to "talk southern" have helped offset Governor Michael Dukakis's liberal reputation. But he is now seen as too great a national asset to keep at home.

Much of his campaigning will continue to focus on Mr Quayle, who is the butt of intense Democratic attacks. The Republican camp is attempting to protect the young senator, keeping him mainly to campaign appearances before small, sympathetic audiences.

Vice-President George Bush fiercely defended his running mate from the steps of his Washington home when a reporter asked him about Mr Quayle. Mr Bush, who nowadays rarely departs from prepared texts and has not held a news conference in 10 days, spun on his heels and stabbed his finger towards journalists.

"This concept that I see in some of these reports that I'm not supportive of Dan Quayle is absolutely ludicrous," he said. "They are ridiculous. He did well in that debate, he has my full support, and he is getting strong support since the debate and before around this country."

Mr Bush's feelings towards Mr Quayle were questioned after the Vice-President made no mention of the senator's performance in at least half a dozen events in the two days after the debate. He mentioned him at one evening rally in Little Rock, Arkansas, by which time it was too late to make network television broadcasts.

The Democrats, by contrast, believe that they have discovered a secret weapon in Mr Bentsen, who continues to echo the comment he made during the television debate — "you're no Jack Kennedy" — in attacking his rival.

Mr Michael McCurry, a spokesman for Mr Bentsen, said it was considered "very, very important to take advantage of the enthusiasm" generated by the attack on Mr Quayle. "Senator Bentsen can now speak to Democratic constituences to whom John F. Kennedy was a true hero."

Democratic strategists are determined to make Mr Quayle a big campaign issue, and have launched a television advertising campaign attacking the senator's fitness to serve, as well as Mr Bush's judgement in choosing him. They hope to contrast Mr Bentsen's increasing national role with what they expect will be diminishing appearances by Mr Quayle.

"Where is Dan Quayle?" Mr Bentsen said during campaigning in New Mexico. "Did he leave a forwarding address? Bush may try to run away from his running mate, but he can't hide. We don't intend to let them change the tune. We're going to make them face the music."

Mr Bentsen's performance against Mr Quayle has contributed to a rising mood of optimism in the Democratic Party. But most of the credit for injecting a new sense of direction is being given to Mr John Sasso, Mr Dukakis's closest adviser and architect of the Governor's nomination battle. Under his careful direction, the Rev Jesse Jackson has now returned to the campaign with direct appeals to blacks.

Mr Dukakis said in an interview published in *The New York Times* yesterday that Republican election tactics were "just disgraceful", but indicated that he intended to match his opponent punch for punch in the final month.

He insisted that the clock was not running down on Democratic hopes. Much of the electorate was still undecided and Mr Bush's attacks were beginning to backfire. "That's one of the reasons we're moving. People are tired of the flag factory and the balloons and the slogans and the labels."

The Bush campaign's attempt to portray him as a liberal was a classic Republican tactic. "They used it against Franklin D. Roosevelt, they used it against Truman, and they used it against Kennedy," he said.

WORLD ROUNDUP

Rabin tells rioters to expect injuries

Jerusalem — Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Defence Minister, has declared — during one of the bloodiest weekends since the Palestinian uprising started in the occupied territories 10 months ago — that demonstrators "should suffer casualties and scars" (Ian Murray writes).

He told a weekend election rally in Beersheba that those who took part in rioting should know that clashes did not end only in arrests. He announced that during the uprising 250 Palestinians had been killed and 7,000 wounded — figures significantly lower than those quoted by Palestinian sources, who claim the true death toll is more than 300, with casualties "a minimum of 15,000".

Palestinian sources claim that hundreds of arrests were made yesterday. Nablus, the largest West Bank city, remained under curfew, and black flags were said to be flying in the deserted streets, marking the deaths from Israeli gunfire there of five people since Thursday.

Two other Palestinians died on Saturday, one from injuries received earlier near Nablus and one from gun wounds near Jenin. Israeli sources say the shooting was the result of a feud, but Palestinians say the Army shot him.

Atom plant warning

Washington — The United States may be unable to maintain all its nuclear weapons in operational readiness if reactors at the Savannah River Plant, South Carolina, stay out of service, Government officials say (Christopher Thomas writes).

The Energy Department says the plant, which was shut down in August, will not continue producing its unique material for nuclear warheads until engineers are sure it is safe; warheads may have to be deactivated to recover radioactive elements for use in higher-priority weapons. There have been up to 30 mishaps at the plant over 30 years.

Shroud statement

Rome — The Vatican is expected this week to make its long-awaited statement on the authenticity of the Turin Shroud, which is venerated by many Roman Catholics as the burial cloth of Jesus Christ (Roger Boyes writes).

British scientists who have been carbon-dating the cloth say that it was made in the 14th century and have been urging Rome to disclose the findings as quickly as possible. Church sources say that the apparent delay in announcing the results reflects the need to evaluate fully the tests from all three laboratories, in Tuscon (Arizona), Zurich and Oxford.

42 killed in air crash

Peking — An aircraft on a 15-minute sightseeing tour in Shanxi Province crashed into the roof of the Xingqiao Hotel a minute after taking off on Friday, killing 42 passengers and crew (Catherine Sampson writes). Four passengers survived, escaping the wreckage before the Ilyushin 1114 exploded.

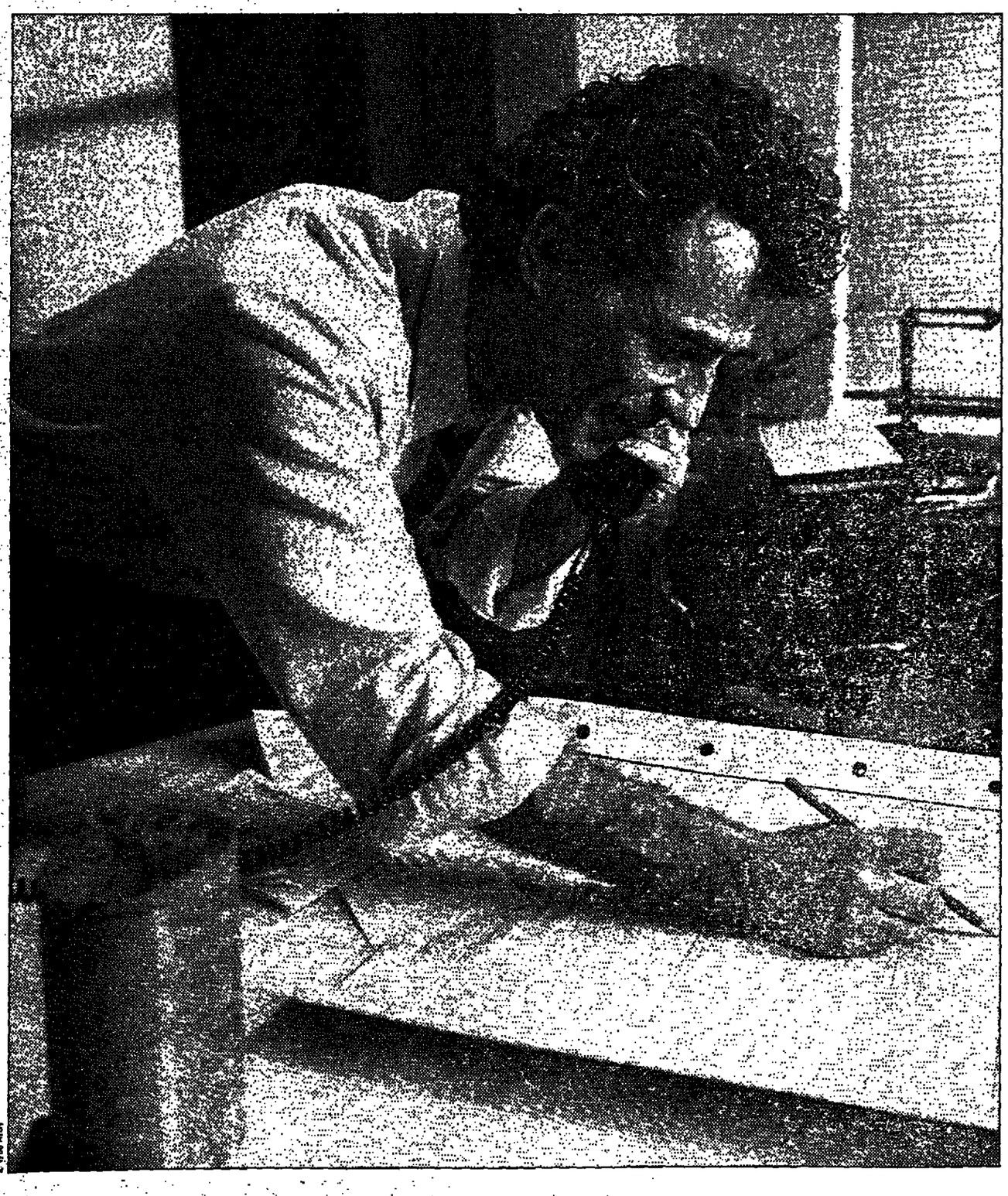
The plane belonged to the Shanxi Provincial Airline Company, a newly established regional airline which opened on October 1, offering 15-minute sight-seeing tours for 16 yuan (about £2.50). More than 30 of the passengers were staff of the Linfen Knitting Factory on a works outing.

Poll blow for Hawke

Brisbane — The Australian Labor Party of Mr Bob Hawke survived a disastrous 11 per cent swing in one of its safest seats yesterday — that held for 27 years by Mr Bill Hayden, the former Foreign Minister who has been appointed Governor-General (Christopher Morris writes).

The result confirmed the downward slide of Labor in previous by-elections this year. Mr Les Scott, the new MP for Oxley in Queensland, admitted: "There is a message for us out there from the electorate — that they are concerned about living standards and will not accept a further fall".

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Belgrade announces £120m food imports to end unrest

From Dessa Trevisan, Belgrade

Mr Branko Mikulic, Yugoslavia's Prime Minister, announced at the weekend that the federal Government was to import more than £120 million worth of foodstuffs, amid rising social unrest and a slide in living standards.

The package will include imports of meat, cooking oil, sugar and corn, the prices of which have soared because of drought and inflation, Mr Mikulic said in a televised address.

He added that the Government was also considering cuts in public spending and introducing strict economies in all federal institutions.

But he repeated that despite the protests of recent weeks and increasing demands for the Government's resignation, there would be no retreat from an earlier reform programme.

Under an accord with the International Monetary Fund, the Government is committed to reduce wages by 20 per cent if inflation exceeds the planned target of 100 per cent. In fact, it has reached this level already and the Government has announced that it will permit some salary increases.

The measures were imposed by the IMF when it agreed to reschedule the country's $21 billion (£12.7 billion) foreign debt but stipulated that the 1987 inflation level of 170 per cent must be cut back to between 90 and 95 per cent.

Serbia, Yugoslavia's largest republic, has said its parliamentary delegation will table a motion for a vote of no confidence in the Government.

In Montenegro — where a state of emergency was declared last week — several speakers said during an emergency session of the Communist Party Presidency, that the time had come to withdraw support from the Government.

Events are moving fast throughout southern Yugoslavia, and apprehension is being voiced by the Yugoslav Party Presidency about continuing public rallies in Serbia.

The Yugoslav Party Presidency and the state presidencies are meeting continuously. In a statement yesterday, the Yugoslav Party Praesidium said that aggressive nationalists were trying to take advantage of public discontent over the situation in Serbia's autonomous province of Kosovo to bring about the fall of the legitimate leadership.

For the first time, the Yugoslav federal Communist leaders singled out Serbian nationalists who, they said, were becoming ever more militant.

Demonstrators in Serbia and elsewhere have been claiming that the Serbs and the Montenegrins are one nation. The implication of this is that sooner or later Serbia will seek to incorporate Montenegro into its frontiers. From Slovenia, Yugoslavia's most westward and reformist-minded republic, a strong warning was issued about the trend for mobs to dictate policies.

The Slovene Party Presidency lent its support to the Montenegrin leadership's decision not to resign under demonstrators' pressure, and described the present situation as "the crossroads which will decide whether we shall carry out political and other reforms and strengthen the country, or whether anarchy will prevail".

The statement said that nationalists and destructive groups were taking advantage of popular discontent over the economy and the political situation in order to overthrow legitimate institutions.

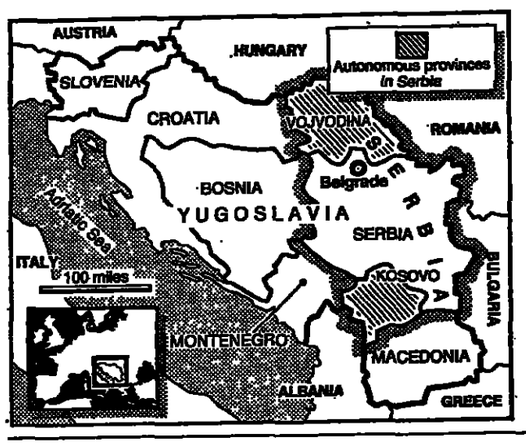
It added: "We must do everything so that reason prevails and we shall join you in opposing the forces of lawlessness and insanity pushing Yugoslavia into the abyss."

Party boss calls for 'people's power'



The new Latvian state President, Mr Anatoly Gorbunov, right, was among a number of senior Communist Party officials who addressed a mass rally in Riga at the weekend during the two-day founding congress of the Latvian Popular Front. Mr Gorbunov's speech, in which he called for more "people's power" in the republic, was enthusiastically received.

Tito's unique creation is far from collapse in spite of its troubles



From Richard Bassett
Titograd

Pessimists — and there are many in the Balkans — are already beginning to write off the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in the wake of the recent troubles. How can a country of such polarity, riddled with historical contradictions and racial antagonisms survive the present wave of Serbian nationalism?

But beneath the economic crisis and behind the scenes of police using batons to break up demonstrations, a number of points are apparent which suggest that Marshal Tito's unique creation is still far from its nemesis.

First, as yesterday's announcement by Mr Branko Mikulic, the Prime Minister, makes clear, the country's economy will continue to be salvaged by the West which has a strategic interest in maintaining the status quo.

Secondly, the violence — mild by Balkan standards — which occurred in Montenegro at the weekend did not involve more than one nationality. While regrettable, Serbs breaking Serbian heads is no cause for alarm. Until the Serbian mob focuses its violence on the Albanians of its Kosovo region, there is still hope that reason may prevail.

Finally, the weekend's demonstrations, like all those of recent months in Yugoslavia, do not really represent a spontaneous expression of mass opinion. They are orchestrated by the followers of the Serbian leader, Mr Slobodan Milosevic and are fuelled by his demagogoery.

Every demonstration, like every official Serbian account of the so-called "solidarity meetings", is arranged for maximum effect. The confusion and dislocation they bring about is organized so that all eyes look for a "new Tito" to salvage the situation. There is no doubt that Mr Milosevic, a former banker, would like to assume this mantle, but this weekend he and his supporters received a crucial check.

The crowds which dispatched the leadership of Serbia's autonomous province of Vojvodina last week may have hoped to achieve the same in Titograd, the Montenegrin capital at the weekend. The Montenegrins, however, who are accustomed to such a Homeric state of affairs in which oratory and violence walk hand in hand, were unmoved. The Serbian-controlled press might talk of a "state of emergency" but yesterday Titograd was quiet. Protests were banned.

Support for the Montenegrin leadership by the federal Government is another sign that positive forces are rallying to preserve Tito's legacy. Whether they can win a breathing space with the economic measures announced yesterday remains to be seen.

Some Yugoslavs, including the veteran dissident, Mr Milovan Djilas, believe that the present crisis could ultimately lead to an improvement in the country's affairs. Even some Western observers see Mr Milosevic as a necessary evil.

But the weekend's events show — reassuringly for Yugoslavia — that Mr Milosevic and those who wish to imitate him can expect to have their knuckles rapped if they attempt to export his brand of Serbian nationalism outside Serbia's two autonomous provinces of Kosovo and Vojvodina.

While the federal Government may be prepared to tolerate the wave of Serbian nationalism in Serbia and its autonomous provinces, as soon as it appears in a republic — even in a republic such as Montenegro whose inhabitants speak Serbian and regard themselves as the closest thing to the Serbs in Yugoslavia — alarm bells sound.

Clashes at Stalin rallies

The Gorbachov regime has acquiesced in the growing anti-Stalin protests and even agreed in July to erect a monument to the victims of Stalin. The attention paid to Stalin, however, draws attention to the Bolshevik roots of the Stalinist terror and has provoked a backlash in some quarters.

Moscow, March 6: Several people were beaten and 40 arrested when soldiers broke up an October Square demonstration by more than 100 people to celebrate the 35th anniversary of Stalin's death. Those charged were fined up to £50, sentenced to at least 15 days in prison, or sent to labour camps.

Sverdlovsk, April 3: Despite threats from the Interior Ministry, a 300-strong demonstration commemorating Stalin's victims was allowed to take place. Copies of the journal *Glasnost Kuryer*, and Solzhenitsyn's article *Live Not by a Lie* were distributed, while demonstrators waved banners calling for Stalinist benchmen to be brought to trial. The rally was called by Meeting-87.

Sverdlovsk, April 26: The April 3 demonstration was criticized in the official newspaper, *Vecherny Sverdlovsk*, for lacking a positive programme. But it agreed that "such a form of political discussion corresponds to the demands of the day".

Minsk, June 19: The Belorussian informal group *Doloka*, led by Sergei Vepushka, held a rally for Stalin's victims. Several thousand took part, hearing speeches from relatives of those killed under Stalin, and voting to raise a monument to the dead.

Minsk, June 20: *Vecherny Mir*, the official newspaper, carried an article on victims of the terror, claiming that the initiative for the June 19 meeting had come from the authorities.

Lvov, June 23: Up to 3,000 people attended a requiem service for victims of Stalinism and those in the Gulag.

Moscow, June 25: Aleks Volkov, a Soviet writer, told a meeting dedicated to Stalin's victims that the Gulag was in place when Stalin came to power. Authorities allowed the rally near the Dynamo Stadium to take place.

Sverdlovsk, July: Meeting-87 petitioned the Regional Party Committee asking for a monument to Stalin's victims to be erected, a request earlier refused by the vice-chairman, Mr V. Popov.

Bokvnya (near Kiev) July 16: A meeting attended by at least 100 people agreed to form an initiative group to review Stalin's years in power.

Kaunas, July 30: An association of former Lithuanian political prisoners is to be formed following a meeting attended by 300 people in Kaunas Castle.

Vilnius, August: A commission to examine Stalin's crimes was formed at the instigation of the Lithuanian Movement for Perestroika. It will prepare and publish lists of victims of Stalin and his accomplices.

Moscow, August 25: At a meeting organized by Memorial attended by 150 people, an appeal was made for money to pay for a memorial complex in Moscow. The complex, to include a research and cultural centre, will be funded by voluntary donations. Speakers included Natalia Rapoport, of the Institute of Chemical Physics, who spoke of modern day repression and the death in prison of Anatoly Marchenko in 1986.

All agreed that Mr Mikhail Gorbachov's support for the creation of Memorial at the 19th Party Conference will be crucial to its success.

Kaunas, August 27: A general meeting of the Club of Ex-Prisoners was held in the Architects' Club. After the meeting there was a memorial service to those who died in the Gulag.

Moscow, September 4: A. Yelyovich, a member of the Democratic Union, was detained in Pushkin Square for distributing leaflets calling on citizens to attend a meeting on September 5, the anniversary of the Red Terror. The Frunze District Court sentenced him to 10 days' administrative arrest.

Arkhangelsk, September 4: Leaflets appeared reminding citizens of the 70th anniversary of the Red Terror.

Moscow, September 5: The KGB and militia broke up a Democratic Union meeting on the Red Terror anniversary. Participants, some wearing over their mouths black bands with *glasnost* written on them, were detained.

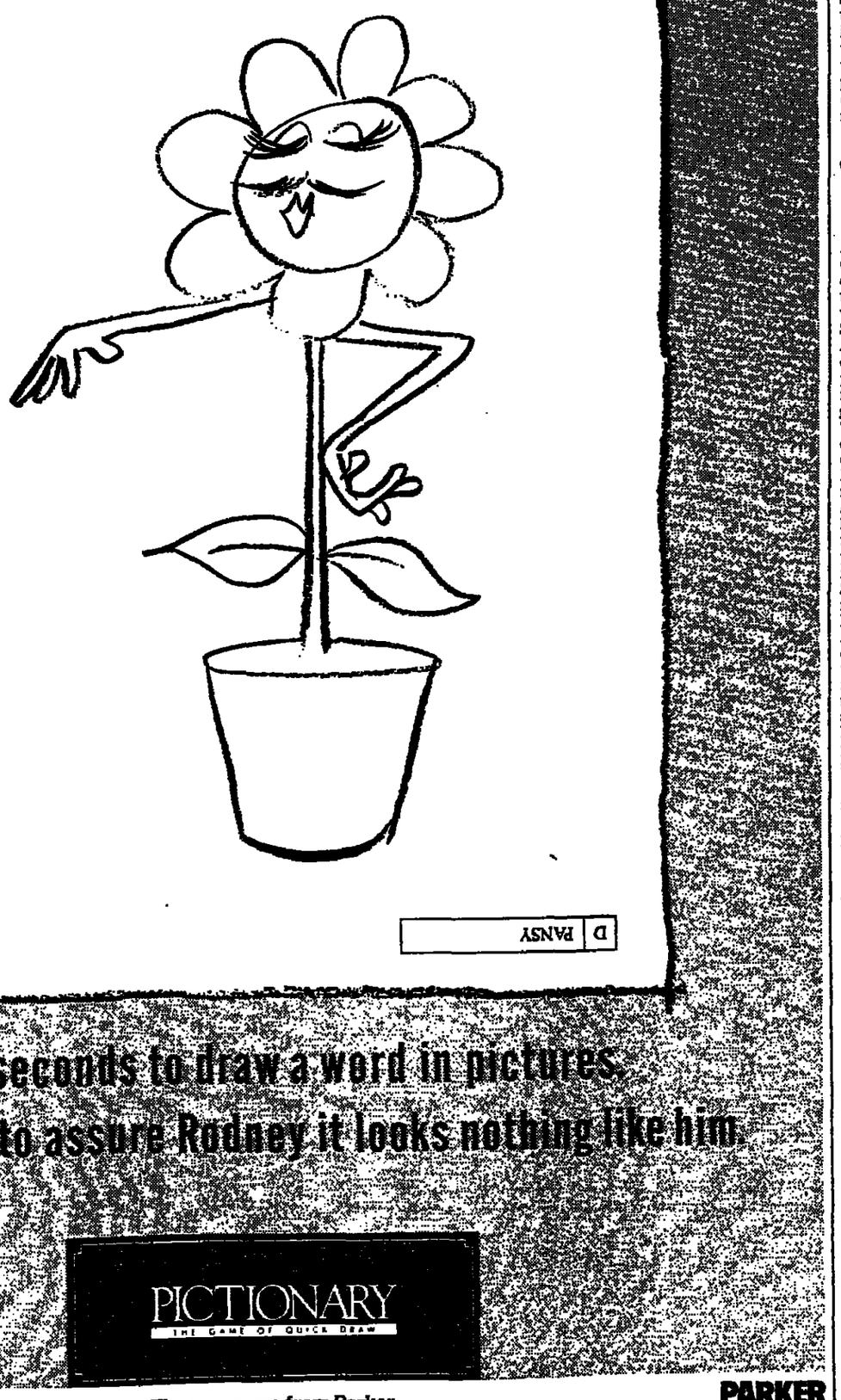
Suspected KGB agitators warned against people being "easily led astray" by the union's public pronouncements. There were nearly 50 arrests. Punishment ranged from 10-day jail terms to a £1,000 fine.

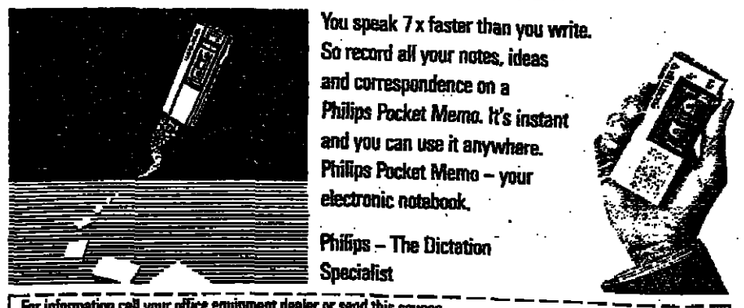
Dnepropetrovsk, September 16: The KGB detained Dmitry Yuraso of Memorial at the airport after he had read a lecture in the Architects Club in Dnepropetrovsk entitled 'A Chronicle of Stalin's Crimes'. The KGB officials demanded to know who had organized Yurasov's lecture and who had invited him to Dnepropetrovsk. They asked him about his connections with the Democratic Union and also with Nikolai Mikhaylovich Baryshnikov, who spent 20 years in the Gulag.

Vilnius, September 28: About 10,000 people attended a banned meeting called by the League for the Independence of Lithuania in Gedaminus Square in memory of those who had died during Stalin's annexation of Lithuania.

Troops and police attacked the demonstrators, 25 of whom face charges. But 50,000 did manage to gather later when a police cordon had been removed.

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Pinochet defeat leaves right wing in turmoil

Gunmen attack as opposition celebrates

From Lake Sagaris
Santiago



A Santiago riot policeman trying in vain to block the way of opposition supporters celebrating General Pinochet's defeat.

Armed supporters of President Pinochet took to the streets at the weekend, attacking groups celebrating the Chilean leader's defeat in a plebiscite last week.

In one particularly ugly incident, witnesses reported that members of Avanzada Nacional, a far-right party linked to the secret police, fired shots after an argument with anti-Pinochet civilians, seriously injuring a man, aged 23. When police arrived they reportedly took down no details about the incident, merely noting names of those who had witnessed the shooting.

The incident followed attacks last week by the far-right "Fatherland and Freedom" organization. Two people were killed on Thursday during the "no" campaign's victory celebrations.

On Friday, police beat up demonstrators and more than 20 foreign correspondents at a rally attended by thousands of people.

People involved in Friday's demonstration reported that soldiers had used birdshot to disperse the crowd and said that 14 people had been taken to hospital.

General Pinochet's defeat in the referendum has thrown his right-wing supporters into turmoil. Reports in the opposition newspaper *La Epoca* claimed that members of the Chilean Army had been prepared to take to the streets on Wednesday after the plebiscite but were stopped by their superiors, apparently under pressure from other branches of the armed forces.

But now that the first shock is over, leaders of right-wing parties formed before the plebiscite are emphasizing the need to observe the military's 1980 Constitution and are preparing candidates for the presidential elections, which should take place around December 1989.

The first to recover his aplomb was Señor Sergio Fernández, the Minister of the Interior, who headed the pro-Pinochet campaign.

During a speech broadcast on all radio and television channels on Saturday, he declared that the referendum had shown that no-one in the country had as much support as General Pinochet, who had "obtained an extraordinary vote and an enormous support from citizens" in the referendum.

However, Señor Fernández's idea of the unity of the regime's supporters has not been borne out by events.

Both the main parties which have traditionally supported the military regime were divided over whether or not to back General Pinochet.

Señor Sergio Jarpa, a former Minister of the Interior during the military government and now president of the National Renovation party, publicly called for the referendum to be replaced with multi-candidate elections. Señor Andres Allamand, vice-president of the party, later called for the opposition to specify what they wanted to negotiate with the armed forces. National Renovation has recognized the value of constitutional reform, one of the opposition's main goals.

Señor Jaime Guzman, leader of the pro-Pinochet Independent Union, has split from National Renovation but also emphasizes the importance of the existing Constitution.

Meanwhile, the traditionally conservative National Party, which led civilian support for the 1973 military coup, divided into two factions after General Pinochet announced the referendum.

One faction, led by Señor Patricio Phillips, pushed hard for a different candidate, but when that failed, supported General Pinochet.

A second faction, led by Señor Germán Riesco, called on National Party members to vote against the President, and is now working more closely with the 16 parties which led the "no" campaign for constitutional reforms.

They aim to advance elections, eliminate appointed senators, and facilitate constitutional changes which are virtually impossible at present.

At a recent news conference, Señor Phillips recognized the victory of the "no" campaign and emphasized that the Constitution did not allow General Pinochet to become a presidential candidate. "Now it's civilians' and politicians' turn," he said. His party will select a presidential candidate soon.

While Señor Fernández's comments reveal General Pinochet's intention to hang on to power as long as possible, it is clear that the general's civilian supporters have tired of the long wait in the wings. Many, like Señor Jarpa and Señor Phillips, have presidential ambitions which must be realized soon if they are to be realized at all — both in their sixties.

But the growing pressure from civilians, sections of the armed forces and the opposition, backed by the clear US interest in resolving the situation as soon as possible, could force the military regime to change its plans.

It seems unlikely that a proposal from a pro-Pinochet movement, which appeared in yesterday's *El Mercurio*, will receive much support from the military regime's civilian supporters.

The movement suggested that General Pinochet's wife, Lucia, should run for the presidency in 1989.

Baker sees long and hard road for perestroika

From David Tytler, Education Editor, Leningrad

President Gorbachov's reforms mark the "early dawn of a long day" for the Soviet Union, Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said last night at the end of his seven-day tour of the Soviet Union.

Mr Baker said: "*Glasnost*, the openness which we have met throughout the Soviet Union, is already accepted but *perestroika*, the restructuring of the economy, is only just beginning and faces a long road and a hard road.

"A socialist society does not run entirely with the grain of human nature. The Soviet Government is now allowing freedom on the fringes with small private ventures like television repairs, plumbing and even baby sitters. And that is running with the grain of human nature, allowing people to make a little extra money and providing services more quickly which a vast and elaborate bureaucracy running everything from the centre cannot do."

Throughout his tour, which began in Moscow and went to the Scientific Centre of Novosibirsk in Siberia before coming to Leningrad, leading Soviet scientists have told Mr Baker that they were anxious to embark on joint ventures with British industry. He, too, is concerned to produce some concrete results but he did sound a note of caution.

"It has not been good in the past. Joint ventures have begun with great enthusiasm but scheme after scheme has run into the ground. It is the bureaucracy which has dragged everything down. But the universities will have to do it on their own without going through committees in Moscow."

Sir Rodric Braithwaite, the new British Ambassador in Moscow, said that the open attitude was quite new. He said: "The era of attempting to pretend there are no problems is over; there is no ideological claptrap. Mr Gorbachov has shown enormous political courage and I am impressed with how far the Soviets have come since I was here last but also with how far they still have to go."

Sir Rodric said that the embassy, which had only a small commercial staff, would do all it could to help British businessmen who wanted to set up joint ventures but he, too, said there would be difficulties. "This is all very new and there is some confusion. The British no longer know who they have to deal with and the Soviets no longer know who is responsible.

"The Soviets have always had difficulty in translating their research into industry and have been grappling with the problem for donkeys' years. They are good researchers but do not seem to be good managers."

Mr Baker said he had been impressed with the quality of the teaching of English. But Britain is well ahead in teaching technology. Mr Baker said: "The Russians have a lot to learn from us, particularly in computers. I am very proud of the way we use computers in our schools and if the Russians do not do something about it the technological gap may well widen."

Mr Gorbachov's appointment as President of the Soviet Union has prompted speculation that the Queen may invite him to make a state visit to Britain. He has already accepted an invitation from Mrs Thatcher to pay an official visit sometime next year.

Restoration brings Danae back to life

From Our Education Correspondent, Leningrad

Working with the skill and patience of surgeons, Soviet art restorers are painstakingly repairing the damage caused by an acid and knife attack on one of the world's greatest masterpieces.

On May 15, 1986, a Lithuanian arts student who objected to the naked body of a woman being displayed in public threw nearly a litre of sulphuric acid at Rembrandt's *Danae* hanging in the Hermitage Museum of Art in Leningrad.

Since then, in a side room of the galleries which were once the Tsar's winter palace, Soviet art restorers are only just beginning to bring the 16 ft by 6 ft painting back to its original condition.

Standing in front of the painting, which is still badly scarred by rivulets of acid, Mr Vitali Sooslov, deputy director of the Hermitage, said yesterday: "What we now have is a surgical operation on a human being lying on the operating table. Time is no problem. The painting is the problem. The only thing that matters is to save it."

Nearly 75 per cent of the painting of a reclining nude — believed to be Rembrandt's second wife — was affected by the attack. Much of the varnish was damaged and large areas of paint were destroyed. The first task was to neutralize the acid and then strengthen the painting where the damage was worst.

Mr Sooslov said: "Parts of the painting have been lost in this act of barbarism but we are using the same method as Rembrandt, replacing the paint slowly, layer by layer. We really do not know how much longer this work will take, but it will be at least a year and very possibly another three.

"Once we had neutralized the acid we had to eliminate all traces of it from the varnish and paint to preserve what remained. The acid had gone deep into some areas of the painting itself. The canvas was saved and we are now trying to reproduce what was lost."

Mr Sooslov and his senior restorer, Mr Yevgeni Gerasimov, have discussed various methods of restoration with other museums throughout the world, including the National Gallery in London.

Mr Neil MacGregor, the director of the National Gallery, was shown the painting last month when he was in Leningrad to arrange an exhibition. Mr Gerasimov, however, said his team was determined to finish the work on its own in its own way, no matter how long it took.

Very few of the works of art on display in the Hermitage are protected by glass. "To screen or not to screen is a really big problem for all museums across the world," Mr Sooslov said. "We would not want a whole museum under glass. The bigger the canvas the more the reflection stops you seeing the painting."

Colombo protests

Colombo (Reuter) — Police in the Sri Lankan towns of Amparai, Kandy and Matara used tear gas and batons to disperse thousands of demonstrators protesting against the Indo-Sri Lankan pact, signed last year with the aim of ending the island's ethnic conflict, officials and residents said. A witness said 10,000 protesters turned out for a rally at Amparai, in the east.

● **MADRAS:** India released Mr Sadasivam Krishnakumar, the chief representative of the Tamil Tiger guerrilla group in Sri Lanka, and 150 other Tamil rebels and flew them to Jaffna, in the north of the island, after they had threatened to go on hunger strike if not freed or tried.

Ershad team

Dhaka (Reuter) — Bangladesh has set up a national Disaster Prevention Council under President Ershad to advise the Government how to minimize loss of life and property in floods and other disasters.

Cocaine find

La Paz (Reuter) — Police uncovered the biggest cocaine laboratory found in Bolivia, and the Army discharged a general and three other officers for allegedly protecting drug traffickers.

More blood

Tokyo (Reuter) — Doctors gave the ailing Emperor Hirohito, aged 87, another blood transfusion, and a palace spokesman said that his condition remained stable.

Six babies

Rome (Reuter) — An Italian woman, aged 26, who was treated for infertility, gave birth to sextuplets.

Laos arrests

Bangkok (AP) — Laos told Washington that two Americans were held after entering the country to publicize a £1.4 million reward for the return of US prisoners of war.

Rebels to die

Hanoi (AFP) — A court in Ho Chi Minh City sentenced two Vietnamese to death and jailed 19 others for setting up an opposition group and armed force.

Mission shuts

Peking (AFP) — Austria has decided to close its embassy in North Korea, and Sweden may follow suit, accentuating the isolation of President Kim Il Sung's regime on the world stage, diplomatic sources said.

Mafia killings

Gela, Sicily (Reuter) — A bar-owner and a farm hand were shot dead in Mafia feuding over control of drug trafficking, police said.

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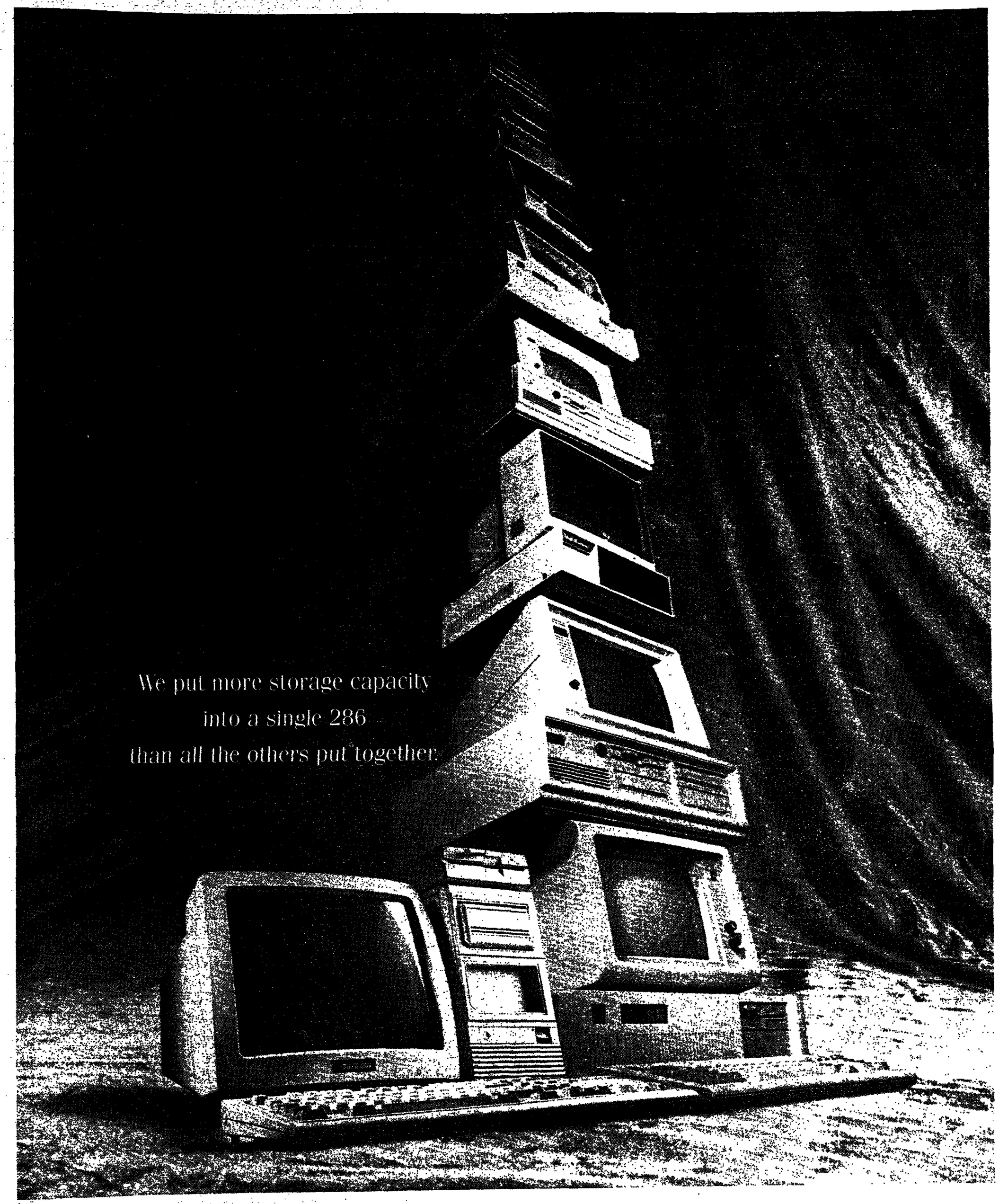
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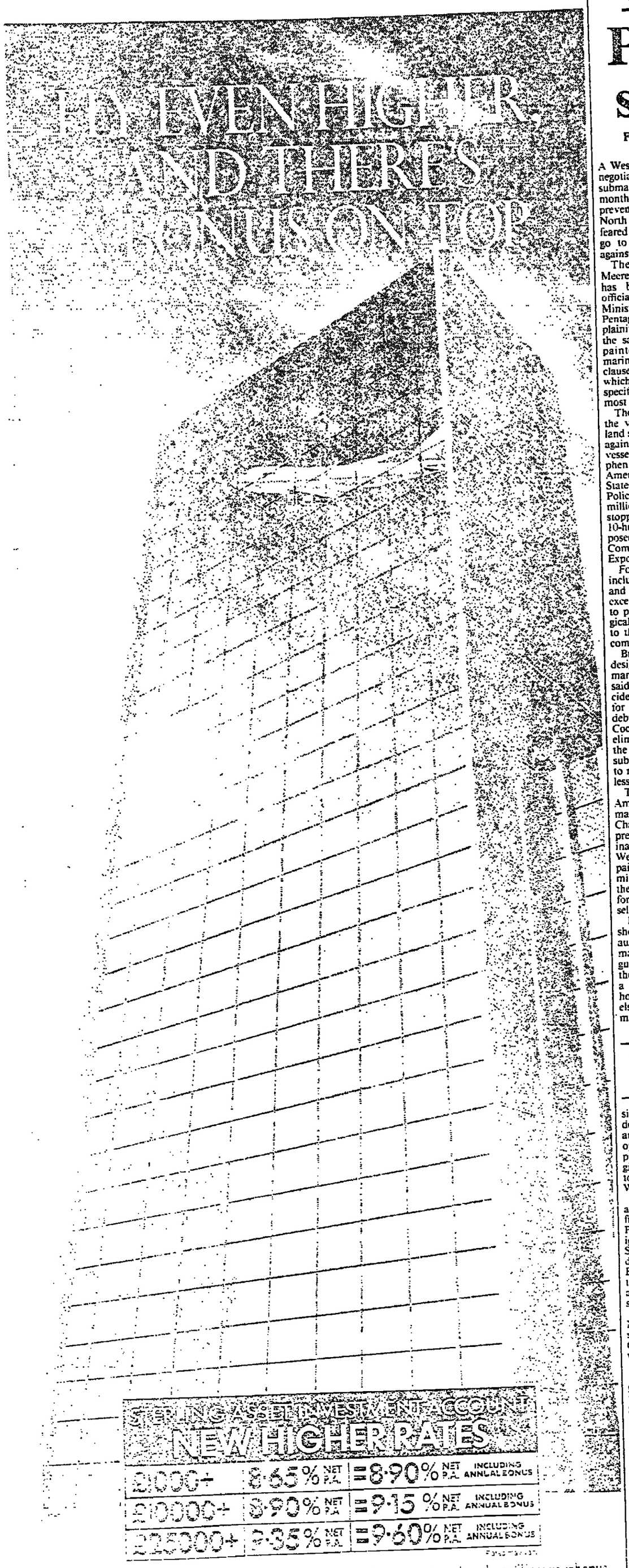
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West German shipbuilder foils anxious Americans

Pentagon may fail to stop sale of submarine to Iran

From Robert Fisk
Karlsruhe

A West German company is negotiating to sell a miniature submarine to Iran only months after the Pentagon prevented the vessel's sale to North Korea. The Americans feared the submarine would go to Tehran and be used against US ships in the Gulf.

The company, Bruker Meerestechnik of Karlsruhe, has been negotiating with officials of the Iranian Oil Ministry in Hamburg while Pentagon officials were explaining how they had foiled the sale of the 43ft orange-painted exploration submarine to the Koreans under a clause in the export control list which forbids the transfer of specific Western technology to most communist countries.

The Americans suspect that the vessel could be used to land saboteurs or to set mines against the hulls of US naval vessels. According to Dr Stephen Bryen, the retiring American Under-Secretary of State for Technology Security Policy, the sale of the £3 million Seahorse II had been stopped because it breached a 10-hour submersion limit imposed by the Co-ordinating Committee for Multi-Lateral Export Controls (Cocom).

Founded in 1949, Cocom includes the US and Japan and all the Nato countries except Iceland. It is designed to prevent the sale of strategically important technology to the Soviet bloc and other communist nations.

But Herr Jörg Haas, the designer of the submarine and managing director of Bruker's, said that if the Iranians decided to buy the Seahorse II for use in "clearing up war debris" in the Gulf, the Cocom restriction would be eliminated merely by reducing the battery capacity of the submarine to limit its ability to remain under the water to less than 10 hours.

The Pentagon says that the American Government had to make a personal appeal to Chancellor Helmut Kohl to prevent the Seahorse II's original sale to North Korea. The West German Government paid back more than £1 million in compensation to the submarine's manufacturer for issuing an earlier licence to sell the boat to North Korea.

But Herr Haas has now shown *The Times* a new authorization from the German Government dated August 31, 1988, for the sale of the submarine provided it has a capacity for less than 10 hours under water. Everything else about the submarine remains the same.

The story of the 47½-tonne, six-man Seahorse II vividly demonstrates the suspicion and confusion that now envelops America's attempts to prevent the sale of strategically important technology to countries deemed hostile to Western interests.

The vessel could have no military application ⑨

Dr Bryen's account of the affair is necessarily different from Herr Haas's, and the Pentagon was yesterday still in ignorance of the fact that Seahorse II might yet be sold directly to the Iranians. Dr Bryen says that it was last year that the Americans first learnt about the sale of the submarine.

"We got wind of some North Koreans who wanted a miniature submarine made in Germany, but we believed it was destined for Iran," he told *The Times* in Washington.

"The North Koreans were going to take delivery of a manned submersible ideal for going into coasts. It was an all-German product with seven or eight people, commandos and crew. Of course we were worried about this, that it might be used to land people or for putting mines on the hulls of ships.

"The German Government had said that the sale was OK and was not Cocom controlled, that it was a legal transfer. The North Koreans claimed it was for oil exploration, for offshore platforms. But they were going to ship it to an area of North Korea where there is no oil exploration.

"We found that it could submerge for more than 10 hours, but 10 hours is the Cocom limit. It was only a small point, but we caught it by its duration under water. We had to involve Chancellor Kohl personally to get this stopped."

In Karlsruhe, however, a very different picture emerges. Herr Haas, who has been a managing director of Bruker's for 20 years, says that the Seahorse II, like its prototype, which was actually sold to Korea earlier, could have no military application.

It was "absolute nonsense" to suggest that it could be used for military attacks, he said.

Besides, he said, the 10-hour Cocom submersion limit "means nothing", since the 10-hour limit "is not suitable to decide if a submarine can be used for military purposes".

Herr Haas said that the North Koreans bought the Seahorse prototype for a land-reclamation project at Nampo, on the country's west coast. "They also hoped to find oil and gas, and they were planning to look for oil and gas on their east coast."

Herr Hass continued: "We received a letter of intent for the Seahorse II as a North Korean delegation came here to sign the contract. The authorities here gave us the certificate to sell the Seahorse II, and it was completed last summer.

"Then, suddenly, we received a telex from the German authorities saying they had to stop the deal. We had to pay back the down-payment to the North Koreans."

According to Herr Haas, his problems began with a visit from "a group of American intelligence people from an office near Munich. A man calling himself 'Larry Fisher' came, first alone and then with another man.

"They were naval experts. These men asked if our submarine would incorporate a closed-circuit diesel engine. We said 'no'. And everything in the Seahorse II was German-made. We had only some ordinary valves and pipe fittings that were made in the United States.

"Afterwards, the Americans made a report to Washington, then I received a telephone call from the German authorities to tell me that the Americans were suspicious that we were supplying the North Koreans with a closed-cycle diesel engine. Then we received another inquiry from our authorities. What type of electronic equipment was installed in the submarine, they wanted to know. It became clear that no (electronic) items in the submarine were on the Cocom list.

"Then I was asked if it was possible that the first submarine, the prototype, had been transferred to Iran. I said 'no way' because I knew that the North Koreans were having problems and were inquiring about spare parts. They were missing a regulator for the 24-volt converter on the boat."

Another group of Americans, this time naval officers in plain clothes from Dr Bryen's office in Washington, arrived to sail on the boat in a lake beside the Rhine while the North Koreans, according to Herr Haas, diplomatically spent the day in the apartments they had taken in Karlsruhe.

Problems began with a visit from US Intelligence ⑨

But Herr Haas was also approached by the Iranians at the same time. The German Government had at one point asked him if he had a "deal" with the Iranians, to which he says he replied "absolutely not".

Nevertheless, he continued, "a few days later five or six Iranian people came here. They were interested in having a submersible, maybe one that could be used by military organizations. They told us they had been building their own submersible and that they wanted assistance with it.

"Due to the conflict (between Iran and Iraq) we had only to say: 'Sorry, we can't help you at the moment.' They looked at Seahorse II. I immediately reported this to the authorities.

"These Iranians were very intelligent, very bright engineers. They had obviously been working on submarine problems, problems of the control and propulsion system, for a long time. You have to remember that the Shah wanted a submarine fleet and had brought in specialists from Europe before the revolution."

American suspicions, however, appear to have been increased by a satellite photograph, a picture that allegedly shows a small and suspicious naval vessel in the Gulf in the shape of a submarine, and by a video film of Iranian naval manoeuvres in the Gulf which was shown on Iranian television.

"On the film could be seen a very small submersible with one or two men visible on the deck," Herr Haas said. "Everyone, especially the Americans, was searching all over the world to see who could have produced this. From our (German) intelligence people, I heard that the length of the submarine did not fit the prototype sold to the Koreans and that the overall style and design had no similarity with ours."

Both Herr Haas and several of his colleagues in submarine design suspect that the Iranian submersible was copied from old designs used by the British for the Royal Navy's X-craft, the primitive midget submarines which were used to attack the Tirpitz in the Second World War.

Or, Herr Haas said, it could have been a miniature submarine of Italian manufacture which had recently been sold to Pakistan "for military application".

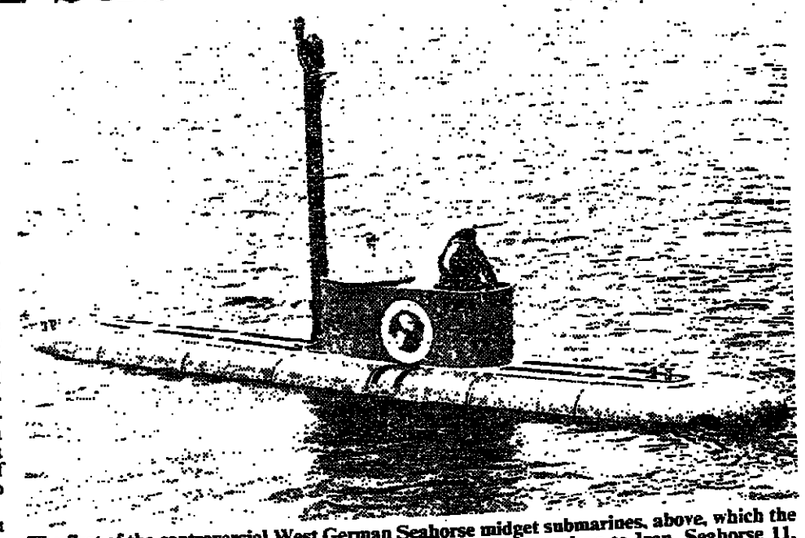
Herr Haas partly blamed the Germans for his predicament. "The 10-hour (submersion) rule did not exist in the German Cocom list until 1988," he said. "In Cocom, it was discussed late in 1985, after we received the permission to sell the second submarine. The contract had been signed in 1984.

"The main reason the German Government had to respond to the American requests was because it felt guilty at not having transmitted the Cocom stipulations fast enough: you see, it takes quite a long time to translate all this stuff."

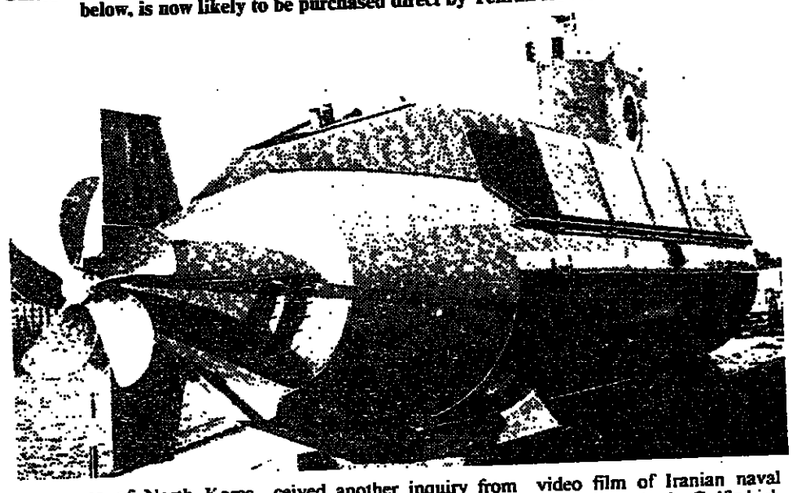
Now, however, Herr Haas's problems seem to have been solved, although the Pentagon is not likely to be amused. He has accepted the Iranian Government's assurance that it needs the submarine to clear offshore oil installations and undersea pipelines damaged in the Gulf War. His officials were negotiating with the Iranians when the Seahorse II was put on public display in Hamburg last week.

Now the Americans have been left to decide what further action to take over the Seahorse II. Cocom restrictions do not specifically include direct sales to Iran unless it is feared that Iran could resell the submarine to a Soviet bloc country.

But already Herr Haas has arranged to make the Seahorse II fit the Cocom rules.



The first of the controversial West German Seahorse midget submarines, above, which the United States suspects was bought by North Korea and passed on to Iran. Seahorse 11, below, is now likely to be purchased direct by Tehran for oil-field work.



Baghdad denies Tehran claim of deal

From James Bone
New York

Iran has moved to take a negotiating advantage in its peace talks with Iraq by declaring that the two sides had reached an agreement "in principle".

The weekend announcement of a breakthrough, denied by Iraq, anticipated a deal expected to be struck when the talks resume in Geneva, probably at the end of this month. By disclosing the agreement ahead of time, the Iranians have made it more difficult for Baghdad to win concessions over the Shatt al-Arab waterway, which forms the common border and has emerged as a key stumbling block in the negotiations.

Dr Ali Akbar Velayati, the Iranian Foreign Minister, said at the recent round of peace talks held at the UN headquarters in New York that Iran and Iraq had agreed in principle to a UN proposal to break the deadlock in the negotiations. Both sides had agreed to withdraw to pre-war international borders within 15 days, and then to exchange prisoners. Iran had also agreed to stop searching Iraqi ships in international waters in the Gulf.

His remarks were immediately denied by Iraqi officials, who said that the UN proposal was still under study and would be taken up when the talks resumed in Geneva. The negotiations, which began in Geneva after a ceasefire was declared in the Gulf War in August, were moved to New York last month to break a stalemate over two key Iraqi demands.

Baghdad sought the immediate clearance of mines and sunken ships from the Shatt al-Arab, its only outlet to the sea, and an end to the Iranian policy of stopping and searching Iraqi ships.

Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN Secretary General, is understood to have proposed that Iraq agree to postpone discussion of the Shatt al-Arab if Iran stopped searching Iraqi ships.

Dr Velayati said that the Iraqi delegation at the New York talks, led by the Foreign Minister, Mr Tariq Aziz, did not have the authority to finalize a deal.

But by announcing the tentative accord early, Iran has made it more difficult for President Saddam Hussein to veto it in Baghdad. It would appear to commit Iraq to drop its insistence that the Shatt al-Arab issue be resolved before further progress is made. Iraq claims ownership of all the waterway.

SPECTRUM

Give up, eggheads: Johnson has you surrounded



CRAIG BROWN

"Which of us will be next?" This is the question Parisians are asking themselves this autumn, as Mr Paul Johnson's new book, *Intellectuals*, hits the streets. Over their mid-morning cappuccinos and vol-au-vents, Paris intellectuals – calculated at something over 75 per cent of the population – quake with terror as they speculate on which of their number will be gunned down by Johnson's follow-up work, *Yet More Eggheads*.

Now that Mr Johnson has put paid to the mischievous and tendentious whinings of Jean-Paul Sartre ("shifty-eyed, wordy, a bedder of women"), Jean-Jacques Rousseau ("wig-wearer, self-confessedly Swiss, sexually untrustworthy") and Jean-Michel Jarre ("creator of traffic hold-ups in lands of which he is no citizen, and French to boot"), their fellow intellectuals are scared lest the unwavering eye of Johnson should turn next on their own hypocrisies. "Beware intellectuals!" is the motto with which Mr Johnson closes his book, but it might just as well have been "Intellectuals beware!".

One of those whose reputation is likely to receive a body blow from the publication of *Yet More Eggheads* is Professor Cuthbert Calculus, the famous post-war French guru, now retired from active intellectualizing and living quietly among a small community of devotees in Marlinspike Hall in the Loire Valley.

"Muddle-headed and indeed absurd" is Johnson's verdict on the life's work of this soft-spoken old gentleman who, Johnson claims, "influenced a generation towards the twin evils of absent-mindedness and abstraction". Using *Barnacles Unblistered*, the autobiography of Captain Haddock, a retired naval officer, as his primary source, Johnson builds a portrait of Calculus as a man for whom ruthless power-seeking, disguised as vagueness, left many victims in its trail.

"It was while leading my successful expedition to discover Red Racham's Treasure, helped sporadically by a young journalist whose name I now forget, that I first became aware of the unreliable and tendentious thinking of the goatee-bearded professor," the captain writes. "At one point he said to me, 'Captain, what is happening? We seem to be turning back', to which I replied, 'Yes, Professor Calculus, we're turning back.' I will never to my dying day forget the answer that followed: 'Oh, that's all right then . . . I was afraid we were turning back'."

Flabbergasted at the monster of wrong-headedness revealed in this passage, Johnson concludes: "The self-delusion of the intellectual is without limit. Calculus had heard what he wished to hear, not what was said. Like Rousseau, he found personal whim more expedient than truth."

Johnson is particularly scathing on the subject of Calculus's sexual appetites. "There is no record anywhere of Professor Calculus's promiscuity, but this should not blind us to the fact of its existence," he argues. "Few who encountered Calculus escaped his sexual thrall. It is possible that he conducted simultaneous affairs with both Madame Castafiore, the opera singer, and her stern-faced maid, Irma, though, if there is any record of these attachments, the professor, so devoted in his pursuit of truth, has seen to it that they have not surfaced. So much for intellectuals".

On Saturday night, Michael Aspel asked Norman Tebbit whether he would be the next Conservative leader, and David Frost asked him the same question the next morning. While a political pundit was telling Frost that John Major would be the next Conservative leader, my Sunday newspaper seemed pretty sure that Michael Heseltine would be the next Conservative leader. Not long ago, Francis Pym and Peter Walker seemed the best bets.

It now seems that only Peter Bruinvels and Mr Edward Heath are left unmentioned when this important question is discussed. Of all senior journalistic postings – arts editor of Exchange & Mart, *religious affairs correspondent of* Penthouse *– the job of serious political pundit seems to me the most comical. This time last year, Mr John Moore was the hot favourite, but now you would be wiser to place money on Mr Geoffrey Dickens or Bugs Bunny. Mr Moore must start plotting his return as a serious potential leader slowly but surely. As a first step, I would suggest that he puts it about that he is a Danny Quayle lookalike. This would mark a significant upgrading of his status.*

After the tragedy, the waiting

Britain's archaic compensation laws prolong the suffering of disaster victims: they frequently face legal proceedings that can drag on for years. William Greaves finds the ordeal takes a heavy toll

St Michael's on Wyre, a straggly little Lancashire village, doesn't look like a disaster area. It has a pub, a couple of garages, a local school and a general store; on either side of the river, the fields are full of cows. From Len Watts's sitting room you can see a cluster of tidy, cared-for houses arranged along the crescent to either side and upon the road opposite. Maybe a dozen in all. "Without moving from this window I can point to the homes of nine people who came with us that day," he says. "Six of them were either killed instantly or died from their injuries."

There are other statistics, too, which are engraved upon him as deeply as the burns he received when an orange fireball ripped through the Abbeystead pumping station in the nearby Forest of Bowland. "It was a lovely summer's evening. Thirty-six people left this village to meet up with eight people from the water board. Less than an hour after leaving here, all 44 of us were either dead or injured. Eventually, 13 died. The dead and injured amounted to almost one in 10 of the entire adult population of the village."

Yet few of the bereaved and the survivors of that terrifying underground explosion in May, 1984, would rate its immediate horror any greater than that of the four-and-a-half years they have since spent on a financial tightrope, perilously suspended over potential bankruptcy. Before their case reached the High Court, 31 villagers had run up a legal bill of £375,000. By the time it had passed on to the Court of Appeal and to the House of Lords Appeal Committee, they were faced with the distinct possibility of having to raise between them something approaching £1 million.

If they had lost that legal battle, then not even by selling their homes and everything else they possessed could they have hoped to pay that bill. All they wanted was adequate compensation for the lives which were lost and the injuries sustained. But under the arcane and archaic laws of Britain, they had to prove not their own innocence but somebody else's guilt. Without guilt there could be no liability. Without liability there could be no money.

There have been other disasters in recent years. The compensation for some, like the Manchester Airport crash of August, 1985, in which 55 people died, was settled speedily and – although no figures have been disclosed – "generously". Others, like the Thalidomide and Opren drug affairs, dragged on interminably, with offers frequently being described as derisory by the recipients and their legal representatives.

'No other people in this country should have to suffer what we've been through'

The Manchester settlement, far from being an example of British judicial fairness at its most honourable, is the most eloquent example of its inadequacy. Compensation was assessed on the "Mid-Atlantic Principle". That is to say, the sums paid out to the injured and the relatives of the dead were assessed half way between what they could have expected to have been awarded in America and what would normally be available in the UK.

Mark Mildred, of Pannone Napier, the lawyers who represented many of the claimants of the Manchester crash, the King's Cross fire, the Zeebrugge ferry disaster and the Opren case, explained the system. "Two of the Manchester defendants were Boeing, the aircraft builders, and Pratt and Whitney, manufacturers of the engines. We therefore had a theoretical right to pursue claims in American courts and, because of the sort of settlements we might have won if we had done so, the defendants were happy to split the difference and settle quickly.

"In the case of Opren, we twice made applications to have damages assessed in America, but the requests were refused. So we had to settle for the miserable sums available in Britain."

Miserable? "If a son of mine, aged 17 years and 264 days, was killed in an accident, I would be entitled to £3,500 compensation for his death," Mildred said. "If he was 18 and one day, I would get nothing. Only if he was married and had a dependent family would his wife be able to claim for loss of a breadwinner."

There being no such thing in this country as "no-fault compensation" – as there is, for example in Sweden and New Zealand – he or his son's dependants would only have got anything at all if some body, company or individual was found to be to blame for the death. Which brings us back to Abbeystead and the villagers of St Michael's.

Twice in 1980 the village was flooded when the River Wyre burst its banks. Local residents were convinced that the two floods were at least in part due to a water transference scheme between the Lune and Wyre rivers, which kept the latter topped-up to supply tourist demands along the Blackpool and Fylde coast. To allay their suspicions, the North West Water Authority invited the village, through its parish council, to visit the Abbeystead pumping station.

Jennifer Hornby, a local magistrate, was among the 36 who accepted the invitation. Suffering 32 per cent burns herself, she is now engaged to be married to Tim Eckersely, whose wife and 11-year-old son died as a result of the explosion. "We were underground when it happened," she said. "There was a sort of a whoosh of air and then I saw an orange ball of fire. After it passed there was no main fire – just clothes in flames. I was lifted off my feet and must have blacked out."

The villagers had been warned that the noise of rushing water would be deafening. But it was not water that came through the subterranean pipeline – it was a lethal surge of methane gas. Ron Weild, a headmaster, lost his wife, Penny, in the blast and suffered severe burns to his head, face, neck, arms and upper body. "And yet to begin with there was none of us who felt so vindictive that we wanted to blame anyone," he says. "We would have been satisfied if our case had been recognized and offers of compensation had been made. We very soon learnt that we had to blame someone. And now I do feel vindictive – very vindictive indeed."

It took two years for the case against Binnie and Partners, the consultant engineers who designed the pipeline, the contractors who built it and the water authority who operated it to reach the High Court. Thirty days later all three were found guilty of negligence, shared out as 55 per cent against Binnies, 15 per cent against the contractors and 30 per cent against the water authority. As soon as the news reached the village, two residents went to the church to ring the bells.

Their joy was short-lived. Within hours of the deadline for appeal, Binnies appealed. It was heard in November, 1987 – three-and-a-half years after the explosion – and this time Binnies was found to be totally to blame. The partnership applied for leave to appeal to the House of Lords but was refused. It then appealed direct to the House of Lords Appeal Committee – and was again rejected. Now Binnies' insurers have until February, 1989, to arrive at acceptable compensation figures – or the whole case has to go back to court for assessment.

If the bereaved and injured residents of St Michael's ever stood any chance of putting that evening behind them, it is not only the odyssey through the courts which has prevented them. Now all the survivors are being subjected to new medical examinations by psychiatrists, clinical psychologists, burns specialists and plastic surgeons.

Des Wilson, chairman of the newly-formed Citizen Action Compensation Campaign (Citcom), says: "I have been horrified by the kind of morality which lies behind the behaviour of certain firms and bodies who ought to feel responsible."

Citcom, whose president is Lord Scarman, is pressing for the establishment of a Compensation Advisory Board, with greater powers to consider such factors as pain, suffering and loss of quality of life. Among its other demands is greater availability of legal aid and the setting up of immediate judicial enquiries with power to assess blame.

Back at St Michael's, Len Watts, a 66-year-old retired tax inspector, sums it up. "We went through all this for two objectives. One was to establish liability and the other was to get the law changed. No other people in this country should ever again have to suffer what we've been through."

BARRY GREENWOOD



Battle-weary: explosion survivors Jennifer Hornby and Tim Eckersely, who are engaged, are still waiting for compensation

CASUALTY LIST

Major British disasters – including medical ones – during the 1980s have often resulted in long and harrowing legal battles for compensation.

The Opren drug case. Opren was put on the UK market in 1980 by Dista Products Ltd, a subsidiary of Eli Lilly, to relieve arthritis pain. By mid-1982, when the drug was removed from the market, there were nearly 4,000 reports of adverse reactions, including 60 deaths. Users suffered liver and kidney disorders, severe skin complaints and digestive problems. The 1,354 claimants in the main UK coordinated case for compensation were obliged to settle for a combined total of £2.5 million, while 103 American claimants shared £25 million.

The Bradford City football stadium fire of May, 1985, killed 56 people and injured more than 200. After a trial in November, 1986, and a judgement the following February, two-thirds of the liability was set against Bradford City AFC and one-third against West Yorkshire Metropolitan County Council. Compensation has now been agreed, ranging from about £3,000 for minor injuries to more than £100,000 for severe psychological and physical injury and for death, and fewer than 20 claims are outstanding.

The Manchester air crash, in which a British Airways jet burst into flames on the runway in August, 1985, resulted in the death of 55 people. Solicitors acting for 35 victims' relatives convinced BA, Boeing and the engine manufacturers, Pratt and Whitney, that an early settlement on the "mid-Atlantic principle" and acceptable settlements were produced within a year. Figures were not released.

The Zeebrugge disaster. The cross-Channel ferry, Herald of Free Enterprise, sank in March, 1987, with a final death toll of 193, and 299 survivors. A steering committee of solicitors has negotiated with P&O and its insurers a framework of fixed payments of not less than £5,000 for everybody proved to have been on board. The two sides are still discussing compensation, over and above the fixed sum, for physical injury, shock and death. "We are still a long way apart in the cases of shock," says Blaise Smith, a member of the solicitors' committee.

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A plant for twitchers and thieves

Seven of Britain's 50 orchid species are almost extinct and another 10 are in danger. But there is a plan to save them

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It is the orchid, a botanical dinosaur which has kept us enthralled for at least 2,500 years. A tenth of the world's flowering plant species are orchids. They grow all over the world, from the Arctic to the Equator, and at any altitude. There are about 30,000 species and new ones are being found all the time. They take up to 10 years to flower and rarely have a scent.

Today orchids are a consuming sport for cultivators and a cut-throat business for those who hunt the wild ones. All species are protected by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES), and the maximum penalty for stealing a single seed from an endangered plant is £1,000.

More people are studying, collecting, growing, breeding, hunting, smuggling and stealing orchids than ever. They can be bought at Marks & Spencer for a fiver alongside the azaleas and clematis.

"Not a year passes without a new local orchid society being formed; the numbers of people actually growing orchids is very much on the increase," says Alasdair Morrison, chairman of the Royal Horticultural Society's 99-year-old orchid committee.

But in the wild, British orchids are among the most difficult to grow, with tiny seeds like dust. Their future depends on microscopic fungi soaked up by other, more powerful growths, that agricultural fertilizers and weedkillers will not be used in the area or carried on the wind.



Spider orchid: in danger

Fifty of the world's 30,000 species grow here. Ten are in danger; seven are almost extinct either because of poachers or because their habitats are being destroyed. Five years ago the Sainsbury Orchid Project, under a research fellow, the botanist Joyce Stewart, was launched.

"The first aim was to find ways of growing terrestrial orchids from seed in large numbers," she says. "If we could do that, we wanted to reintroduce these rarer ones safely in the wild." They are species like the monkey orchid, the early and late spiders in the South-East, the ghost orchid in the Chilterns, the red helleborine in the south, ladies' slipper in the north, and the fen orchid in East Anglia and South Wales.

Suitable sites are being identified and kept secret until the plants have flowered. There are a dozen or so secret sites where endangered orchids are being coaxed back from the brink of extinction by wardens.

This summer 16 sites were made available to "twitchers", a word borrowed from the bird world. "The twitchers are harmless, like train-spotters, obsessed, but once they've got their photos they're happy," says Simon Curry, a warden in Kent.

Morrison advocates the foundation of plant zoos, natural habitats which can be controlled in the same way as safari parks. "In many cases that is the best bet for saving orchids from extinction. They just are the most interesting plants in the world."

Simon Tait

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CLEMENT FREUD

A friend who researches for a TV production company is looking for a bigot, age and sex immaterial. It is making a programme on the charms of Blackpool and, to achieve "balance", there is need for someone to denigrate the north in general, and Lancashire's favourite seaside resort in particular, with the supercilious air of a southerner; it will forestall complaints and keep the managing director's political career mobilely upward.

I said I would try to help and suggested a high-octane bigot of my acquaintance; they were looking for someone less well-known. I threw in the names of one or two actors who do this kind of thing rather well; they want the genuine article, or perhaps the budget does not run to Equity rates. I know many northerners who, were this programme eulogizing Bournemouth, would do a brilliant job defaming anywhere south of Morecambe or Skegness. Surely there is some haughty, Home Counties, Blackpool-phobe out there, possibly playing off a 14 handicap, with a deep-rooted contempt for Tetley's beer, mushy peas, Les Dawson and trams. This could be the big opportunity. I shall happily pass on applications.

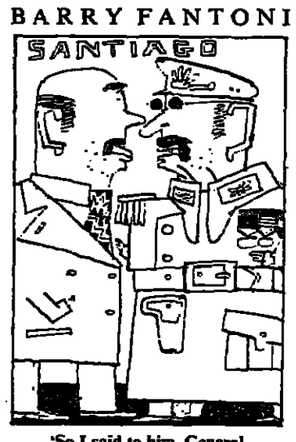
Two weeks ago, homeward bound from Vienna, I asked the driver of my limo to stop at a street corner where they were grilling succulent sausages on a charcoal burner. For the equivalent of £3 you get the sizzling sausage of your choice with a scoopful of potato salad dressed with sweet onion, chives and olive oil; also local mustard and a slice of rye bread.

Last week on the way to De Gaulle Airport after Longchamp, I saw a corner stall with baskets of oysters and clams, mussels and oursins. I stopped the hire car and ate six brilliant fines claires for 30 francs, the price including half a lemon and the use of a peppermill — though they were good enough not to need adornment.

What does London have in the way of street-corner edibles? Barrows of journeyman fruit dispensed by men outwith the Inspectorate of Weights and Measures; evil-smelling hamburgers wilting in onion; ice cream at rip-off prices, occasional roasted chestnuts — that's what: not a vendor of toffee apples, muffin man or dispenser of jellied eels. Look where you will for bagel sellers such as you find in New York, doughnut friers beloved of Mediterranean lands, kebab grillers who abound in the Near East, and you look in vain; and it is not as if we have the cleanest streets as a result.

Outside an amusement arcade in Soho last week I witnessed a man whom I took to be a Scot — because the two men holding him pronounced their expletives with flat Glaswegian vowels — throw up over the pavement of Old Compton Street. Watching from a distance of a few feet were half a dozen punks, the men's faces painted red and blue, the girls in mohican coiffure, one with six tall green spikes rising from her scalp; luckily for her it was a still night. Inside the building I could see a man kicking a pin-table to death. The establishment is called Family Leisure.

BARRY FANTONI



'So I said to him, General, why not do a Kinnock and decide again next year?'

I met the people from Pimm's. I was on time, they had arrived early. We shook hands. The Pimmsters were in the anteroom of the restaurant drinking Pimm's — the new 25° blend that gets poured from 70 centilitre bottles with no gradations on the glass. I ordered mineral water. At a business luncheon it is proper to eat the first two courses talking of mundane matters, reaching the topic that is to be discussed around pudding time. "It is," I said to the managing director and his minder, "pleasant weather for early October." The barman brought some canapés and the chief Pimmster said: "About your many references to our product in The Times Diary . . ."

It seemed a bit soon but I told him I was glad the subject had been embarked upon: "I and many of my readers," said I, waving a bundle of letters that had Down with Pimm's and Good Luck to Your Campaign as their theme, "have over the years become fond of full-strength Pimm's in proper size bottles; even if a little more expensive, we find the 31.4° mixture a more agreeable tipple than the present brew — please could we have it back and what would it cost?"

By the time we had finished our pre-lunch drinks and made initial inroads into the admirable soufflé suissesse, I had learned the truth: old Pimm's, such as we drank and admired, lost money. New Pimm's, smaller, weaker and dearer, has had a 60% jump in sales. Worse was to come: he and his fellow directors were deeply grateful to me for my contribution to their new-found prosperity; was there anything they could do for me? By the time we parted company they were considering taking a page of advertising in the programme of my wife's theatre company. Ah well.

On Monday *Just a Minute* was performed for a "live" audience at the Earls Court radio show. Naturally we missed Kenneth Williams — and we missed Kenneth's numerous fans who, over the years, have flocked to recordings in such numbers that we believed the great listening public were waiting in their multitudes to witness our panel game. Earls Court was Marie Celeste-like in its loneliness, though on the way out Derek Nimmo was mobbed by a teenaged autograph collector.

Christopher Walker reports on Algeria's second revolution

Children against the tanks

Algiers

"We want food, coffee, soap. We want places to live. In Algeria we have nothing. It all goes to the fat cats in the government who have *piston* (influence) and that is why we are in revolt. We demand our rights, but we want them in an Islamic, not a communist way."

The loud cheer from the mob of more than 100 poorly dressed teenagers milling around the smouldering remains of a gutted state supermarket in the working-class district of Bab-el-Oued left no doubt about the support for their self-appointed spokesman. Dressed in a billowing *jellaba*, he told me of the attack on the supermarket in the Boulevard Said Toati — Boulevard Champagne until independence from France in 1962. "They said there was no food for sale, but we found it under the counters when we ransacked the place," he said.

Defying the martial law ban on all gatherings that frequently in the past few days has been enforced by gunfire, including the use of heavy machineguns, the animated crowd, some no older than 11 or 12, clamoured excitedly to talk to the first western journalist they had seen.

A 19-year-old, speaking in broken French, said: "There are many Algerians over 40 — men with grey hair — who are still unmarried because there are no apartments for them. In villages near here the water is switched off 23 hours a day, yet ministers in their villas have no problem filling their swimming pools."

In the 1950s it was the teeming tenements of Bab-el-Oued which sparked the bloody guerrilla war that eventually drove out the French, just as last Tuesday night it was apparently spontaneous rioting in the same district that began what some youths are now calling "the second Algerian revolution".

Although foreign-owned buildings such as airline offices are among the hundreds destroyed, the government of the National Liberation Front (NLF), in power for 26 years, is clearly the main focus of the discontent, only barely restrained by a formidable military presence including scores of tanks and armoured cars, water cannon and squads of commandos.

With 70 per cent of Algeria's 27 million population under the age of 30 and more than 50 per cent under 21, it is disaffected youths like those proudly inspecting their destructive handiwork in Bab-el-Oued who pose a real threat to the future of President Chadli Benjedid.

As we spoke amid the stinking debris of the supermarket, whose looting means that even less food is available in the area than before, the teenagers listed a string of demands they said had been put to the government. Many called for its resignation.

"The revolt has been contained so far only because the imams (Islamic leaders) appealed for calm to give the government time to respond," said the group's spokesman, a nightwatchman who told me he supports a family of five on a monthly wage of £100. "That is nothing when meat costs 150 dinars (around £20) a kilo."

Others in the mob rebuffed attempts by an official to prevent the interview continuing. As one, they turned on a small boy who, seeing an obvious foreigner, had thrown a stone at me. "We want the world to know what we are angry about," a 20-year-old shouted at him.

Forty per cent of Algerian youth have no work of any kind. So, at any hour of the day in Bab-el-Oued until the 10pm curfew is imposed, often to the accompaniment of gunfire to frighten residents off their balconies, groups of young men can be found slouching on street corners with nothing to do and nowhere to go but their overcrowded, sweltering family apartments.

"I come from a family of 12 and the only one of us who has a job is my father," said a bearded 19-year-old — beards are common among the protestors as a symbol of sympathy with Islamic fundamentalism. "There is nothing in the shops. Some consumer goods are made here but they go straight to Libya or Morocco to earn foreign currency. We never see them."

Some members of the crowd, which grew larger by the minute, displayed ugly wounds received in skirmishes with the security forces. Many said they had been inspired to rebel by the 10-month-old Palestinian *intifada* in the Israeli-occupied West Bank. This has been given great play on television here by the Algerian government, which is one of the most hardline in the Arab world.

The Algiers rioters cover their faces with masks, use handkerchiefs soaked in vinegar to ward off the tear gas thick in the air from morning to night and wield a range of home-made weapons including bombs, knives and metal bars.

The spokesman said: "If we don't get what we want, we will fight on. Be sure of that. They have already locked up more than a thousand of us, but that will make no difference."

A mile or so away, a desert-camouflage tank perched uncomfortably at 45 degrees astride the hundreds of steps leading up to the imposing NLF headquarters, while scores of troops, many in Soviet-style helmets, fingered the triggers of their guns as they guarded every approach to the building.

The explosive blend of economic hardship and growing Muslim fundamentalism already familiar in other parts of the Arab world has been compounded in Algeria by a bitter power struggle at the top levels of the NLF, with many old-style hardliners vigorously opposing recent attempts to decentralize and privatize parts of the economy. These reforms have been introduced by the pragmatic President Chadli following riots in a number of regional centres in 1986.

The power struggle is due to come to a head in December when the sixth congress of the party is due to outline the next five-year plan and designate a sole candidate for the presidency. It may not be clear until then whether Chadli has survived politically.

Meanwhile, the bloody clashes which have left more than 50 dead and many others wounded — the government refuses to give exact figures — provide a warning to other countries in the Middle East, such as Egypt, which face a similar combination of problems.

Not the least of Algeria's problems is the recent slump in the price of oil, which accounts for more than 98 per cent of export earnings. Unless a quick solution can be found, President Chadli, without the resources to institute urgent reform, could soon become the first political victim of $12-a-barrel oil.

Bernard Levin

Go take a running jump

The recent death of Sir Frederick Ashton revives, in all its sharpness, my ballet problem. He was widely and generously mourned, and the obituaries and appreciations left no one in any doubt that he had made a unique contribution to ballet, and in particular to ballet in Britain. Yet, for all I ever gained from that contribution he might as well have never been born.

We all have, in the arts as well as other areas of life, though perhaps more obviously there, blind spots. I can derive nothing from El Greco other than a powerful suspicion that he must have been colour-blind, and the St Matthew Passion and B-Minor Mass, though I know they are among music's supreme masterpieces, leave me entirely outside their glory, feeling uncomfortable, guilty and bored.

Now I do not claim, when contemplating a work of art which moves me not at all, that I am right, and the rest of the world is wrong (with the exception of Frans Hals, the 17th century's Annigoni, flesh tints and all), and I truly suffer, from envy if nothing worse, at the knowledge that there are areas of joy and satisfaction before which, as I approach, there springs up an angel with a flaming sword in his hand.

Yes, but this problem normally bites with very selective teeth; if I cannot read Conrad, I can read Joyce Cary, and if you cannot abide Jane Austen, there are no fewer than three Brontës to choose from. What happens when we come up against an entire art form that, however carefully and faithfully tried, seems as null and pointless as tearing yesterday's newspaper into pieces one inch square?

I am, of course, assuming that the individual with this bit of his artistic response missing does have a feeling for art in general; the mystery of those who are entirely without that feeling is insoluble. But if a man who understood, and cared passionately for, the graphic arts and literature, were to tell me that he gets nothing at all from music — nay, that he detests music and thinks it beneath the notice of any civilized person — I should think he was very odd.

Well, where the ballet is concerned, that is me. I tried; you cannot accuse me of condemning what I have never experienced. For a good many years I went to the ballet, and sampled all sorts, from the most traditional to the most modern. I sat at the feet of Clive Barnes, than whom there was no one alive who knew and understood more about ballet, and who could have communicated his enthusiasm and the reasons for it to a haystack.

But he could not communicate them to me, and I disgraced myself irretrievably by going to the opening night of *Marguerite and Armand*, the ballet created by Ashton for Fonteyn and Nureyev, where tickets were changing hands on the pavement for £200 a go, and falling asleep.

But when I swore off ballet for ever, with no regret, I tried to analyse what it was about this form of art that repelled me. I think I can make a case.

Take the *Enigma Variations*. When I saw it, I had, of course, known the music for thirty years or more, and loved it, though I have never thought it a great masterpiece, or even among Elgar's finest work. But following that portrait gallery of the composer's friends "pictured within" (don't bother with the hunt for the concealed theme) is always an enjoyable and touching experience. Well, all I can say is that so far from the prancing and pirouetting making the experience deeper and fuller, it just got in the way and diminished it; it was like those television sports commentators who carefully tell us what we have just seen.

Ballet, unlike the other arts, deliberately limits itself by eschewing the human voice, whether in speech or song. Once, in Canada, I saw a ballet which consisted of a ballet rehearsal. It was a charming and innocent work, and since it was only some 20 minutes long, it was within my ballet time-span, even if only just. At one point, the ballet-master motioned to the two principals to show him their *pas de deux*; he went to the ballerina, gestured with his stick to bring her forward out of the line, then repeated the action with her partner, then, with much gesturing with his head as well as his hands, he ushered them into the middle of the stage and indicated that they should start their demonstration.

Will somebody tell me why that is superior, indeed, why it is not manifestly inferior, to having the director say "Mademoiselle X and Monsieur Y, kindly let me see your *pas de deux* now"? (Many operas, most of them dating from the 19th century when it was *de rigueur*, have ballets in them. With the exception of *Eugene Onegin*, I sit there wishing the dancers would go away and let the singers get on with their work. I could even dispense with the ballet in *Figaro* — which is significant in being set to the one musically weak passage to be found in that immortal score.)



Fig 1. *Pointless Exercise*

Physical movement and gesture can be beautiful and even eloquent, but these are surely crude, in the matter of communicating a meaning, compared to drama and opera. Would anybody know what any narrative ballet is about, even roughly, if there was no synopsis in the programme? And the giveaway lies in what I have indicated in the Elgar business; the greater the existing music used for the ballet, the less the ballet contributes to the effect.

Has anyone ever done a ballet to the C-Major Quintet of Schubert, or the *Heilige Dankgesang* of Beethoven? There would be no point at all in even opening our eyes. And, incidentally, I said that movement and gesture *can* be beautiful, which brings me to the best-kept secret of ballet; the most familiar single moment of the art is the ballerina going up on her points, the truth about which action is that it is invariably hideous, suggesting nothing but an unpleasant kind of deformity.

Tell me, you ballet-lovers, why will not leading conductors, if they can help it, conduct for the ballet? For the same reason that they will not, if they can help it, conduct Donizetti or Bellini; they recognise that these works, entertaining and delightful though they are, simply do not contain the qualities and depths that alone would make the effort worth their while.

"Entertaining and delightful", I said, and if the people of the ballet world were content with an encomium as modest as that, there would be no difference between us. But they aren't; though they have no answer to the conductor question, they insist that the ballet is every bit the equal of the other arts, and many of them are not above claiming that it is the greatest of them all.

One of the first ballets I ever saw, possibly the very first, was *Hamlet*, with Robert Helpmann; I think he was supposed to be experiencing "what dreams may come, when we have shuffled off this mortal coil", and, even then, I felt (I can't remember what music was used) that I would rather be watching the play of the same name. A little later, I was much impressed by Kurt Jooss in *The Green Table*; after that came the absurdities of Martha Graham, and it is now many years since I went to a ballet of any kind. And if Terpsichore and her sworn vassals are even now arming to tear me limb from limb, let them reflect that every seat I do not occupy at the ballet frees another for them, and be grateful.

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First steps to justice

In his speech to the Labour conference Neil Kinnock made the twin aims of social justice and efficiency key themes in the party's programme. In doing so he implicitly drew attention to a major philosophical difference between the left and the free-market right. The latter do not believe that appeals to social justice embody legitimate moral demands and that in any case social justice cannot be a realistic guide to public policy.

At the theoretical level, the critic of social justice such as Hayek or Friedman will argue first that economic markets cannot produce injustice because their outcomes are unintended. Like earthquakes, they are blind, impersonal forces which produce misfortune and bad luck, but not injustice.

This is not merely a verbal point: what is at stake are the appropriate moral demands and responses. If someone suffers an injustice, there is a case for saying he should be provided with a collective remedy. On the other hand the appeal of bad luck is to generosity and altruism, not to the state.

Additionally, critics argue that in a morally pluralistic society we do not have any substantive agreement about the appropriate criteria for distributing resources. There clearly are contending criteria — for example merit, need and entitlement. How are we to agree on which is the appropriate one, and if we believe that each has a role to play, how do we weigh one against another?

There are two central practical objections to social justice. The first is that because of the lack of agreed criteria of distribution, public authorities and bureaucracies charged for example with distributing housing or health care in a socially just way will have to act in an arbitrary and discretionary manner. They will have to use private, unaccountable judgements to make decisions in the absence of an agreed public morality in this area. This, say critics, is incompatible with the rule of law.

Secondly, once government has a distributive and allocative role then interest groups will arise which will press for what they see as their just share of social resources. In the absence of a public morality there is no way of regulating such groups. Unregulated interest-group pressures and their impact on public expenditure are seen by many as a major cause of the stagflation of the mid-1970s.

Hence, the critic of social justice will argue that instead of state allocation of resources we should trust to the market, which records individual preferences rather than social values. Indeed, if social justice is inspired by a concern for the poor, the market is a better instrument than the state because the trickle-down effect of markets makes the poor richer in absolute terms than they would be under any regime which sought social justice. Indeed we are now living through an experiment designed to show the truth of this.

All these points are important and require the left to get beyond the rhetoric of social justice. Roy Hattersley has seen this very clearly; he said recently that he regards the development of a cogent ethic of distribution as one of the most pressing intellectual tasks of the left.

The claim that markets cannot produce injustice is very weak. Even though market outcomes may be unintended, they can be foreseen in the sense that those who enter the market with least are likely to end up with least. We can have collective responsibility for the foreseeable even though unintended consequences of social institutions.

In any case what matters is not so much how a state of affairs arose but our response to it. For example, a child might be blown into a river by the wind, but the question of justice arises if I could save the child at no comparable cost to myself. If I refuse to do so, the circumstances which led to the child being blown into the water do not settle the question of justice.

The same is true with market outcomes. If we can compensate those who suffer as the result of these impersonal processes at no comparable cost to ourselves, then the failure to do so is where the injustice of the free market lies.

Obviously socialists are likely to favour a needs-based approach to justice but it is inconsistent of economic liberals to argue that we cannot get a moral consensus over needs because their whole idea of poverty, on which lies the force of the trickle-down effect, rests on seeing poverty as an absolute state, rather than a relative one. As Lord Joseph says, fixed by "the needs of the poor not the expenditure of the rich". However, they cannot take his view and still argue that there cannot be a consensus about a needs-based approach to social justice.

The arguments about arbitrary power and interest groups are more cogent. It is possible that there could be a major restriction on the power of professionals and bureaucracies in the public sector if the demands of justice were met more in terms of cash rather than the direct provision of services.

However, this is particularly difficult for the Labour Party, partly because of the place of public-sector producer groups within it and partly because many people see standardized services as contributing to a sense of cohesion and community.

Unless the role of the state is reduced to a minimal night-watchman role, there are always going to be interest groups. What is essential to Labour is not to be dominated by them, and the way to do that is to follow Hattersley's advice and try to work out well in advance of government what it takes the demands of justice and efficiency to be.

Without this, interest-group pressures will be unmanageable once government again assumes its proper role in pursuit of social justice.

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A century later, the feeling aroused by this account of the "Army" is more likely to be one of admiration for their courage than anxiety over their behaviour.

SALVATION ARMY CRITICIZED

The "Salvation Army", in less than half a generation, or about the same period as that between the appearance and the downfall of NAPOLEON BONAPARTE, has achieved a great and, it must be added, unexpected success. Its bold leaders found the country, indeed the world generally, in a state of base subjection to drunkenness and other scandalous vices; while the masses confessedly, and by the unanimous complaint of all religious people, were without religion, and inaccessible to its appeals. It was not only the Established Church, but even the freest organization had to give a sorry account of their very best efforts to reclaim the working classes.

There arose a wild cry for something to be done. The age was rather given to sensational action, and was not surprised when there suddenly appeared in our streets a veritable invasion; "soldiers" marching in order, with banners, insignia, drums and trumpets, and every now and then stirring appeals inviting curious spectators to fall in. The "Army", however, rather rapidly acquired a very exceptional and independent position, increasing in numbers, noise, self-confidence, and resources. It was no longer content to aim at the suppression of moral disorder. It avowedly aspired to a permanent place in the institutions of our country. So the "Army" went on for years, an anxiety rather than an alarm, a puzzle rather than a positive nuisance.

As a simple fact, they have not improved their position latterly, or even defined it. We know no more what they are today than we did fifteen years ago. They have got into some considerable rows, a quarrel with Switzerland, and several riots, which have led the magistrates to declare that, with the existing force at their disposal, they will not be answerable for the public peace if the Salvation Army is to have its way. We certainly are not going to add thousands to our constabulary or call on the troops in order to allow the "Army" to do what no other body of men is allowed to do.

We can only regret that a movement which began with much promise, and which to a certain extent was justified by the results, should fling itself out of the pale of common sympathy. We are not allowed any choice. Public opinion, the QUEEN's peace, common order, decency itself, are discarded as considerations wholly beneath the notice of a body which claims to possess the earth by right divine. They have a right, they hold, to provoke wars in our streets, to profane the day of rest with vulgar broils, to deprive invalids of sleep, and destroy that holy calm which to many must be their only possible enjoyment of the day.

If they wish to recover their place as British citizens and subjects, members of one national and tolerably harmonious commonwealth, they must retrace their steps, and conform to the only condition, the only *modus vivendi*, possible in this country, viz., the acknowledgment that others have rights as well as themselves.

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MRS THATCHER'S CHANCE

Mrs Thatcher's political foes have done whatever they could since the last election to strengthen her hold on power.

The centre-left Alliance has fragmented (largely as a consequence of conflicts between personalities) thus freeing the Tories from the danger that they might lose discontented voters to it on a disastrous scale. As for Labour, no sooner did Mr Kinnock set off on his *revisionist road* towards some acceptance of the market economy and a nuclear defence policy saleable to the voters, than he was put in his place by Mr Ron Todd. His party's credibility is again grievously diminished and its prospects of presenting coherent policies at the next election remain, at best, uncertain.

Partly as a result of this, the MORI aggregate poll, taken over a period of three months and published in *The Times* today, shows a widening Conservative lead of seven points. Mrs Thatcher can therefore go to her party conference at Brighton with a degree of confidence that is almost phenomenal for a Prime Minister in the middle of a third term in office.

As well as being one of the longest serving Prime Ministers, and one who has given her name to a style of politics, in a way that no other peacetime holder of the office has managed, she also enjoys the flattery of imitation (however reluctant) by her opponents.

Mr Kinnock, Mr Ashdown and Dr Owen now all accept that to have any hope of power (or a share in it) they must promise to build on the political changes for which she has been responsible – instead of pledging themselves to reverse them. They promise therefore to maintain what they think is the best of Thatcherism, making good its alleged deficiencies of the heart and infusing it with greater community spirit.

They have particularly latched on to the Prime Minister's repeated insistence that all moral responsibility comes back to the individual. Such a creed, they claim, encourages greed and selfishness. Mr Kinnock's theme last week, for instance, was that modern Toryism denies any obligation to a community and asserts that "there is no number other than one, no time other than now, no such thing as society, just me, and now."

Accepting the market and economic efficiency, Mr Kinnock makes the claim that, using one form of intervention or another, Labour could make the market work better than the Tories in the name of social justice. It would, he says, make it much more responsible to the needs of the environment. These allegations, together with the renewed upturn of consumer led inflation, represent to the Government's opponents the weakest points in the Conservatives' armour.

In the long run, the control of inflation is obviously crucial and the Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, now admits he was wrong not to have raised interest rates sooner. The renewal of inflation has implications for public spending next year and therefore on the social budget. But it is essential that there should be reassurance that defeating inflation and maintaining economic stability remain the priorities.

The strongest immediate attack against the Government, however, is that which is directed against Mrs Thatcher's attitude to "society" and to the protection of the environment from the deleterious effects of industrial waste and pollution. Mrs Thatcher has already made one major speech sympathetic to "green" politics, thus again showing the pragmatic sensitivity to prevailing political trends – which is one of her great political assets and which goes hand in hand with her attachment to principle.

But one speech and generalizations are not enough. Already the start of a search for ways and means has begun in Whitehall. But palliatives will not suffice. Hard and costly choices (which will affect industry) have to be made, affecting for instance electric power, cars and pesticides. Mrs Thatcher is probably better equipped than most with the flexibility and determination to grasp this particular nettle.

Her bark is dogmatic; her bite pragmatic. This is in accordance with the tradition which gives Toryism its greatest advantage over socialist rigidity. She must be ready now, however, to indicate that her mind is turning to the practicalities.

It is no answer to Mr Kinnock's allegations of her disbelief in society, for her simply to exhort those who have benefited from current prosperity to give more of their wealth to good causes. That is important of course, and she has been right to stress it. But the attack on her now is based on allegations that she does not sympathize with the notion of society and its responsibilities.

That of course is nonsense. It is contradicted by the Government's record on social spending, its commitment to the National Health Service and its efforts to deploy other social spending where there is most need.

Mrs Thatcher has been right to place emphasis on individual responsibility at a time when it is out of fashion to everyone's disadvantage. Yet it gives needless hostages to opponents to make use of rhetoric which can be misrepresented.

Mrs Thatcher has a chance this week to describe to the nation as well as her party, her conception of modern society. Judging from her ever acute nose for the political wind, it seems likely that she will take it.

BALKAN NATIONALISM

The mass resignation of the local party leadership would be a rare event in any communist country, even one that has departed so far from the centrally planned and centrally directed communist model as Yugoslavia. That the hitherto placid province of Vojvodina should be the scene of so dramatic an upheaval, however, is a development which has to be interpreted in the most pessimistic way, whatever the deficiencies of the erstwhile provincial leadership.

The reaction of the Yugoslav authorities at the weekend must be seen in that light. On Saturday paramilitary forces clubbed and teargassed pro-Serb demonstrators in Montenegro, in the first use of force since protests began four months ago. This was followed by yesterday's ban on all further demonstrations in the regional capital of Titograd and on a protest rally in the troubled Kosovo province. The Prime Minister Mr Branko Mikulic, in an attempt to defuse the growing unrest, said on television that the government would allow pay rises in successful firms and would tackle the soaring prices of basic foodstuffs – though he refused to abandon the present austerity programme).

But the crowds, which in the case of Vojvodina effected the overthrow of the Communist Party committee, were not spurred to action by spontaneous dissatisfaction with living standards. Nor were they driven by political idealism to demand more democracy or freedom. Rather, they were inspired by nationalist sentiment, and encouraged by a demogogue, the Serbian Communist Party leader, Mr Slobodan Milosevic.

Mr Milosevic has rapidly built up for himself a reputation as saviour of the Serbs. His brand of nationalism has brought hundreds of thousands of Serbs to the streets in one of their favourite causes: the crusade against the ethnic Albanians of Kosovo. It is both a nationalist and a religious cause, directed against the growing demographic and economic influence of Yugoslavia's Albanian minority and against Islam, to which the majority of Kosovo's Albanians adhere.

Until now, the Serbs of Kosovo and the Serbs of Vojvodina might have been thought to have little in common. The Serbs of Kosovo are a small minority, embittered by what they claim is their disadvantaged status and the lands they feel they have lost. The Serbs of Vojvodina are in the majority and have long lived and worked, in apparent contentment, alongside Hungarians, Romanians and Croats.

Mr Milosevic, however, knew how to mobilize his Serbian forces. An amendment to the constitution has been tabled which would give Serbia far greater influence in Kosovo and so help to placate Serbian sentiment. As Vojvodina is also an autonomous province of Serbia, the same amendment will apply to it – subordinating the province to the Serbian republic in judicial and economic matters.

Without Mr Milosevic, Vojvodina might have chosen to guard its present degree of autonomy. When Mr Milosevic appealed to the nationalist sentiment and loyalty of the Serbs, however, enough people demonstrated in his support to oust the provincial leadership.

Their success makes it more likely that the amendment will be passed, so bringing both Vojvodina and Kosovo more completely into the Serbian fold. So far as Kosovo is concerned that could prove counterproductive in that the Albanian majority would become even more disaffected than it already is.

The adoption of the constitutional change is not yet certain. Opinion within Yugoslavia as a whole seems evenly balanced. Croats and Slovenes, in particular, may not view with equanimity the emergence of the Greater Serbia Mr Milosevic seems to favour. Nor can it be ruled out that the Albanians of Kosovo might take a lesson from the Serbs of Vojvodina and try to overthrow their provincial leaders for lack of nationalist zeal. In that case, Mr Milosevic may have done his cause more harm than good.

It is not only in Kosovo or even in Yugoslavia, however, that these events will sound the alarm. Communist leaders elsewhere will see that economic hardship and the pursuit of democracy are not the only opponents in their bid to retain power. Nationalism, too, is a force to be reckoned with, and in Yugoslavia it is still the most potent of all.

Training confusion

From Mr. F. Freeman

Sir, From September 5 the organisation for which I work has supported this Government's new adult *training* initiatives, introduced after five years of a successful community programme which did much to prepare the unemployed for permanent work and achieved a 60 per cent success rate in such work being obtained.

The problems of trade union support – or rather lack of it – the amount of supplementary grant available and a five-day working week for trainees on the new programme have caused us much concern. Abolition of the Training Commission has resulted in area officers not knowing what to call themselves, nor what role they are to play, which all adds to the general confusion.

Concern over the assessment of trainees by the training agencies before they are passed to Training Managers, the numbers coming forward (which appear to be an all-time low), and the reasons why trainees are not being placed locally, all add up to a bleak picture of this new initiative.

Even the Training Commission (and the introduction and then subsequent withdrawal of this title alone must have wasted considerable sums of money) now calls itself the Employment Department (the Training Agency), which shows an arrogant attitude towards the hundreds of training manager organisations who will do the *real* work of getting people into employment.

Yours faithfully,
F. FREEMAN,
Waverley Lodge, South Street,
Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leicestershire.

Stung into action

From Mrs Patricia Stoughton

Sir, The pain of his weaver fish sting so minutely described by the great-great-great-grandfather of Mr Smallwood (October 3) has disturbed my still-scarred toe, which suffered a similar injury last July, from what the French call a *Vive*.

The pharmacy in Lesconil, Brittany, is evidently used to dealing with such cases; on my arrival they rushed to fill a black plastic bucket with near-boiling water to which they added a dash of disinfectant. One summer they had had five victims sitting simultaneously, their stings soothed by this remedy.

Yours faithfully,
PATRICIA STOUGHTON,
32 Wellington Square,
Chelsea, SW3.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Green question to Mrs Thatcher

From Mr Martin Vye

Sir, At a time when Mrs Thatcher is turning her attention to green issues, might this be an opportune moment to raise again some of the issues, more domestic and less dramatic perhaps, which are nevertheless radically affecting our environment?

I have lived in an East Kent village for 20 years; I have had two children through the village school (where my wife teaches); I am a compulsive walker; and I love the East Kent countryside.

Recently these disparate vantage points have afforded a single vision of threat to the rural environment that deeply concerns me. This concern has led me to take an active part, first, in a campaign to save from closure a rural secondary school into which our village school feeds, and which has been maintained for the last 30 years specifically to serve 16 villages, despite its small size; and, second, in a fight to stop a developer building a hotel and service complex across the North Downs Way in 57 acres of an area of outstanding natural beauty.

There are very many other matters for concern. For example, the same Channel tunnel that is inducing developers to seek to build in areas of particular landscape value is also pushing house prices beyond the reach of young people born and raised in the villages. The nature of the landscape is under threat: the outcome of a recent test case concerning a local wood, brought before the High Court, means that local councils, hard-pressed financially, will be required to compensate if they seek to enforce protection orders on woodlands.

Lawful access to this landscape is still under considerable restriction: the recent "Forbidden Britain" walk in this area, organised by me for the Ramblers' Association, showed up a crop of 14 barbed-wire fences over rights of way in 10 miles.

There is, of course, no one solution to all these ills. Central Government does, however, have it in its power, specifically in its ability to allocate scarce resources, to initiate legislation, and to adjudicate on appeal, to have a powerful effect on these pernicious trends.

Certain bits of legislation could help straightway – to remove from councils the obligation to compensate if they seek to protect woodlands, for instance, and to tighten up the planning Acts to prevent creeping residential development by the construction of pseudo-"farmhouses".

However, more generally, could I urge Mrs Thatcher to initiate a Cabinet debate on countryside policy and communicate its results? It would be reassuring, for example, to know that when the Secretaries of State for the Environment and for Education came to adjudicate the appeals with which I am involved, their decisions were informed by a coherent philosophy about the rural environment, and more specifically by a recognition that there must be some reallocation of resources, and a strong presumption against non-agricultural development if the countryside is not to be seriously damaged.

Yours sincerely,
MARTIN VYE,
Walpole House, 48 Palace Street,
Canterbury, Kent.
October 6.

Liberal philosophy

From Mr C. G. Churcher

Sir, I have much sympathy with the letter from the Co-Chairmen of the Radical Society (October 5). However, I must point out that there are hordes of people like myself who, having voted Liberal all their adult lives will never accept the description "Democrat", nor join the SLD or accept its left-of-centre policies – so far as that party can yet be said to have any policies.

For us the term "Liberal" not only described our political allegiance but our philosophy of life and to ask us to allow ourselves to be called "Democrats" is like asking Christians to allow themselves to be called something else.

We are not placated by the concession that if we join the SLD we may call ourselves "Liberal Democrats" locally.

Liberalism is now the love that dare not speak its name.

Yours faithfully,
C. G. CHURCHER,
227 Cranbourne Park,
Hedge End,
Southampton, Hampshire.

Dilemma of reform in universities

From the Vice-Chancellor of the City University

Sir, In an article in *The Times* on October 1 Sir Christopher Ball sought not only to echo what Kenneth Baker had said at the recent annual conference of vice-chancellors in Oxford but to resonate with it.

What I heard the Secretary of State ask for was a means of accounting separately for teaching and for research by universities but not a separation of function. He clearly rejected the idea of classifying institutions of higher education, as had been proposed in a report prepared by the advisory board for the research councils.

Members of academic staff in universities are required by their contracts of employment to engage in teaching and research. Sensitive methods of accounting for their time currently in use in promotion procedures recognize four distinct types of activity: teaching, research, administration and professional. The balance between these varies from time to time in accordance with departmental needs, personal ability and capacity, and opportunity – which is largely conditional on additional financial support.

Universities must be accountable to Government, to their students and to those for whom they contract to do research as well as anticipating the needs of employers and meeting the requirements of professional bodies. But we should remember that Oscar Wilde identified the "man who knows the price of everything and the value of nothing" as a mere "cynic", and we have enough of those already.

Yours faithfully,
RAOUL FRANKLIN,
Vice-Chancellor, City University,
Northampton Square, EC1.
October 3.

From Professor Emeritus D. F. Lawden

Sir, Although the influence of scholarship on teaching is entirely beneficial, that of research is often positively malign.

This is because university dons whose prime interest is research (necessarily over a very limited area) are subjected to the strong temptation to teach only those topics closely related to their expertise and to neglect facets of the subject which may have far greater relevance for students whose ambitions are directed towards goals outside the university system.

In my own discipline of mathematics, during the last two or three decades, research has largely deteriorated into a mere elaboration of axiom systems instead of, as formerly, a construction of tools for solving viable problems arising in mathematics, science and engineering. Our students have been subjected to dreary courses of topology, functional analysis, abstract spaces, etc., whose major challenge to the intellect is the jargon in which they are couched and whose value for subsequent application by graduates leaving the schools is nil.

On the other hand, methods which have versatile applications are neglected. For example, so far as I am aware, elliptic functions and integrals are no longer taught in any university department in this country, although there are a multitude of scientific and engineering problems to which they provide solutions.

As a result of this misguided policy, university mathematics departments throughout the country are contracting or, like my own former department, have gone out of existence. Unless greater emphasis is placed in the future upon the teaching of viable mathematics, the discipline will wither and die, with dire consequences for engineering and science.

Yours truly,
D. F. LAWDEN,
Newhall, Church Bank,
Temple Grafton,
Alcester, Warwickshire.
October 2.

Bar on Soviet young

From Mr Paul Summerfield

Sir, The Secretary of State for Education and Science, whilst visiting the Soviet Union, signed a document facilitating a schools exchange programme involving up to 50 schools and 2,000 children (report, October 4).

Clearly those who feel the forces of cold-war politics and mistrust can be weakened and ultimately beaten by East-West exchange believe Mr Baker has furthered the prospects of world peace. Yet it is my belief that Mr Baker and those who support his school-exchange agreements are deceiving themselves and others by ignoring the continued abuse of human rights by Mr Gorbachov's regime. I say this as a result of a recent fact-finding trip to the Soviet Union.

For two weeks, in Moscow and Leningrad, I met Soviet schoolchildren and students none of whom will be permitted to participate in a school or student exchange. They are all Jewish. Some have made visa applications to emigrate, independently from their parents, and teenagers who are too young to apply for visas but intend to do so after their 18th birthday. They told me that anti-Semitism both inside and outside the classroom is widespread and condoned by the authorities.

I met refusenik children who live double lives. No one knows they have applied to emigrate, not even their best friends. They can't trust anyone. The fact that their parents may be unemployed as a result of a visa application and that they are Zionists, i.e., racists, must be kept secret.

At home they learn secretly about their Jewish identity and Israel, yet what is taught at school challenges parental teaching.

The problems do not end after school. Male teenagers, face the bitter prospects of two years of anti-Semitism and isolation in the Army and then the threat of subsequent visa refusal for all the family, on the ground of access to State secrets, regardless of rank or role in the Soviet Army. The alternative to Army service is prison. Those who have not yet served in the Army and are potential students face discrimination in higher education.

Whilst in Leningrad I was shown by a 17-year-old refusenik, Alex Lein, an application form for the Polytechnic Institute. He explained that it was impossible for him to complete the form honestly since it would reveal that his father was a Hebrew teacher and had been in prison; he had a sister living in Israel and had friends in England.

Surely Mr Baker believes that the Soviet Union must adhere to its own Constitution, the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Helsinki Final Act? If so, they should use the contact they have with the Soviet authorities to voice their concern about the problems experienced by Jewish schoolchildren.

Yours etc.,
PAUL SUMMERFIELD
(Student co-ordinator),
Student and Academic Campaign for Soviet Jews,
Tudor House,
Llanvanor Road, NW2.
October 6.

Long way round

From Mr Joseph I. Fell

Sir, Tourists and truckers driving inland from British ports are warned, "Keep left", *Links fahren. Tenez la gauche.* Thereafter, all information, apart from international road signs, is in English – often in prolix formal English.

How many foreign drivers in dense traffic at busy junctions have time to read and understand, "Police notice. Accident black spot"? Would not "Care!", *Achtung!* and *Attention!* be instantly recognised by most Europeans? In effect, one word replaces five.

On dual carriageways, "Slow". *Langsam* and *Lente* would be more effectual than the present "Reduce speed now". Doubtless your readers could offer more examples of roadside verbiage.

Yours faithfully,
JOSEPH I. FELL,
3 Lowther Road, Norwich

Buying British

From Mr E. J. Lacey

Sir, The Chancellor of the Exchequer has recently stated that our trade deficit and related problems are in large measure due to imports being "sucked in" to the economy. The implication is that our difficulties arise from some malign outside force (like Hurricane Gilbert) and that the bad effects can be ameliorated or removed by conducting some arcane financial ritual such as reducing M3, raising interest rates, selling gilts, or what have you, in accordance with whatever nostrum is currently in vogue.

The reality is different and the problem in present circumstances is impossible of solution. Large numbers of the population enjoy increased prosperity and higher spending power and naturally wish to spend their money on additional goods and services. But however much they may wish to "buy British", they find that an ever-increasing proportion of the things they want – television sets, videos, cameras, radios, stereo players, cars (increasingly) and now even pianos – are imported.

It is not just a case of British manufacturers "being unable to satisfy demand". They have stopped making these things entirely, and have little or no intention of trying to re-enter the marketplace. Even in my own limited field of graphic design, I cannot buy quality British drawing instruments, or even simpler items: the Swiss and Germans dominate the field, while Japanese products are making their appearance in increasing numbers. Short of introducing an East European siege economy and banning imports, neither Mr Lawson nor any other chancellor has an answer.

Yours faithfully,
E. J. LACEY,
21 Walpole Road,
Surbiton, Surrey.

Broadcasting balance

From Dr J. M. Lewis

Sir, The central point of Woodrow Wyatt's article (October 4) is simply not addressed in Lord Thomson's reply (October 7) on behalf of the IBA: namely that, since Sir Hugh Greene's bias loophole allowing unfair programmes to be "balanced over a series" was instituted, unchallenged research has shown only about half the audience of one programme in a given series to view the next.

Even if a partial and one-sided programme were balanced the following week with an equally partial programme slanted in the opposite direction (as recently occurred – by chance – on different channels' coverage of the 1938 Munich Agreement), that does not give the viewer "due impartiality" as required by the Act. It gives him two biased programmes airing one-sided views which are unable directly to confront each other. It also gives him slanted editorialising, instead of objective presentation and the opportunity to make up his own mind on contentious issues.

Only apologists for the present system maintain that there is any danger that "out would have to go all programmes in which only one politician appeared" – or one party conference, for that matter. Due impartiality can easily be maintained by professional interviewers and commentators raising the points which the interviewees' adversaries would have put had they been present in person.

Yours faithfully,
JULIAN LEWIS,
The Media Monitoring Unit,
201 Holland Park Avenue, W11.
October 7.

Decline in call of the cloth

From the Bishop of Bristol

Sir, In recent reports mention has been made of the shortage of candidates at certain theological colleges of the Church of England. Now that the colleges are in residence, I can confirm that there is a drop in the number of recommended candidates in theological colleges this year.

There are two reasons for this. 1988 has seen the ordination of a greater number of deacons – 447 men and 105 women – than at any time since 1966. Of these, the number of men ordained this year to stipendiary ministry (about 375) is the highest since 1971. This is a cause for rejoicing, but so many students finishing their training at the same time leaves colleges with a recruitment problem this year.

After several years when increasing numbers of candidates were sponsored for selection conferences, the numbers dropped suddenly in the summer of 1987 and the rate has not so far picked up during this year. We have no hard evidence why there should be this variation in numbers; from the present figures from theological colleges it seems to affect people from varying traditions in the Church.

The Anglo-Catholic colleges have suffered more than the others, though not as badly as might appear from the statement you reported (September 22) that only four ordinands had been enrolled for the coming year in Chichester Theological College; in fact there are 12.

It is in the parishes where the encouragement of candidates seeking ordination begins, and the process culminates in sponsorship for selection by the bishop. Bishops' selectors assess all sponsored candidates and, despite certain reports, there is no discrimination by bishops' selectors against candidates because they hold particular views, for instance on the ordination of women, or are of a particular party, provided that these are acceptable within the Church of England.

It is quite the contrary: it is vitally important for the good of the Church of England that all traditions within the Church are positively and actively represented within the ordained ministry.

Yours sincerely,
†BARRY BRISTOL,
The General Synod of the Church of England,
Advisory Council for the Church's Ministry,
Church House,
Great Smith Street, SW1
October 5.

Private baptism

From the Reverend Canon J. G. Grimwade

Sir, The Reverend Derek Richards (September 28) has a conception of pastoral care with which many will wish to disagree. It is precisely when parents are not regular worshippers that the public administration of the Sacrament is so important a pastoral occasion.

I know from long experience that when baptism takes place in the course of a normal Sunday service it enables parents to discover that the congregation of their parish church includes a number of their neighbours who are welcoming and anxious to share in the joy of the occasion.

Relegate baptism, contrary to what the Book of Common Prayer has taught for centuries, to a private affair and a great pastoral and evangelistic opportunity is lost. Careful baptismal preparation combined with careful public administration of the Sacrament has produced more adult confirmation candidates and brought back more lapsed communicants than any one other factor.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN GRIMWADE,
Stonesfield Rectory,
Oxford.
September 28.

On the qui vive

From Mr C. R. D. Moger

Sir, While parked under a street light outside my house in London, my car has been broken into four times in four weeks. On two occasions nothing was stolen because there was nothing to steal. I have lost a radio on each of the other occasions. The police cannot afford the manpower to prevent this crime or to investigate it.

I feel driven to take action, but what would be effective? Should I challenge him unarmed, or with a stick, or an axe. If so, I fear injury to myself, reprisals against my property, and that I might commit some offence against him.

My present plan (it is 4.30 a.m. and I am on watch as I draft this letter) is to take flash photographs of him from the safety of my house, ensuring that he realises that I have done so. I hope that will provide me with a low-risk deterrent against future action against my property.

I realise that I lack and badly need a credible deterrent in the face of aggression. Is there such a thing as a safe deterrent? Will Mr Kinnock please advise?

Yours faithfully,
C. R. D. MOGER,
4 Pump Court,
Temple, EC4.
October 4.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BALMORAL CASTLE
October 9: Divine Service was held in Crathie Parish Church this morning. The Revd Keith Angus preached the sermon.

By command of The Queen, the Viscount Long (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, this morning upon the departure of The Duke of Gloucester for Turkey and bade farewell to His Royal Highness on behalf of Her Majesty.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 9: The Prince Edward attended a Gala Evening at the Theatre Royal, Windsor in aid of the Thames Valley Hospice. Pine Lodge. Captain William McLean was in attendance.

The Princess Royal, President, the British Academy of Film and Television Arts, this evening attended the New Academy Award Ceremony at the Odeon, Leicester Square, to honour the career of Dirk Bogarde. Mrs Malcolm Wallace was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
October 8: Miss Jane Walker-Okeover has succeeded Lady Elizabeth Bassett as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 9: The Princess of Wales, Patron, the Wishing Well Appeal for the Redevelopment of Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital, this evening attended the Jean Michel Jarre Concert "Destination Docklands" at the Royal Victoria Docks, London E16. Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith and Lieutenant-Commander Patrick Jephson, RN were in attendance.

The Duke of Gloucester left Heathrow Airport, London this morning in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight to visit Turkey and Pakistan as President of the British Consultants Bureau.

Upon arrival at the Airport His Royal Highness was received by His Excellency Mr Tahmi Gumrukcuoglu (Turkish Ambassador), His Excellency Mr Shaharyar M Khan (Ambassador for Pakistan) and Mr John Gallaher (Representaive for the Department of Trade and Industry).

Dr Sidney Brichto

Without God, without a soul

The astronomy of Copernicus was condemned by the Catholic Church because it dislodged the earth from the centre of the Universe. Since Copernicus and Galileo, the mysteries of nature have been progressively unravelled and the belief in God has diminished in direct proportion.

Paradoxically, man's increase in knowledge made him appear smaller to himself. As he learned to peer both light years in space and at atomic particles closer to hand, instead of being exhilarated in the God-given intelligence which made these discoveries possible, he felt diminished in contrast to the enlarged universe he was inhabiting.

Human history might have been very different had the Church immediately welcomed the findings of modern science as further proof of the creative power of God and the special place He had given to humanity in His divine scheme. By resisting the newly discovered truths, it created a rift between science and religion and between spirituality and materialism, the consequences of which we are still suffering.

The theory of evolution is as miraculous as the story told in Genesis which could have been reinterpreted to confirm this creative process. Such an approach would have maintained the centrality of mankind in a universe whose mysteries were being unfolded day by day. However, because the Church shrank from this challenge, intelligent men and women today stand in awe before the universe and not before God. Furthermore, they assume that the law of probability requires that somewhere in space other intelligent creatures must exist who are equal or superior to them. But this is only logical when the possibility that humanity is a unique creation of God is denied.

Had the Christian Church in its infancy seen these discoveries as additional proof of God's glory, Man would have remained at the spiritual centre of the universe. This opportunity was missed, and the result was humanism and atheism and other expressions of secularism.

In a profound sense, therefore, the loss of religious faith can be laid at the door of orthodox theology. Humanists naively welcomed this because it put the responsibility of improving the world on humanity alone, as religion could no longer act as a palliative for all the evil in human society.

While there is some truth in this contention, humanism ignores the deeper consequences of living without a religious faith rooted in the belief in a Creator.

Secularism, without a religious basis, will perforce make its own gods. Where Man is the only measure of himself, the importance of the individual is sacrificed for the "collective good". Hitler becomes a Prophet, Mein Kampf a Bible, and millions are doomed by his vision of the creation of a super race.

Much more benign than Nazism was Communism. While Karl Marx was a Prophet of a better world, under the pretext of realising his vision, a monomaniacal Stalin destroyed human freedom and murdered millions of peasants to collectivize their farms for their supposed common good. The theory proved wrong, but that did not bring the peasants back to life.

The chasm created by the rift between Western Religion and Science has also led to a spiritual rootlessness which expresses itself in frightening ways. The increase in religious fundamentalism in all its bigoted and violent forms was made possible by this spiritual vacuum. Individuals who receive no material benefit from the status quo, or who are in need of spiritual security and direction will turn to those who promise them purpose and power.

Religious fundamentalists and political extremists meet this need of the poor and dispossessed who become an unthinking army by which their leaders are able to achieve power. In the face of this onslaught, the world has become increasingly polarized between the extremist and civilized elements of society. The Fundamentalists make no distinction between the adherents to liberal religions and secularists. They seek by force to impose their authority on both.

While it would be simplistic to blame all the evils of the modern world on this loss of faith, it must be accepted as a large contributing factor. Also, the flirtations of so many Westerners with cults in order to achieve a wholeness of personality is also the consequence of the divisions within Western Man.

Both liberal religious thinkers and secularists dedicated to social progress should ponder the proposition that in the absence of a belief in God, Man loses his soul. He becomes a robot. The validity of this proposition is made apparent when we attribute any advance in medicine or technology to an impersonal and an amorphous science.

As the world is mechanistic and is predictable, the person who wins a Nobel prize for some invention or discovery is the one who is perceived to have been the first to do so because there is that "certainty" that eventually someone would have done it. Individuals cease to receive credit because science appears as a force which creates its own momentum.

The disappearance of God from modern life has deprived men and women of that spiritual dimension which gives dignity, purpose and direction to human life. The recognition of the truth that in the death of God, Man also died, should challenge us to find a way to restore our faith in God as this may be the only way to give us faith in ourselves and to redeem the world from those who could destroy it under the banner of religious fundamentalism and extremist social idealism.

The author is Director of the Union of Liberal and Progressive Synagogues.

Memorial service

Mr Kenneth Knowles
A memorial service for Mr Kenneth Guy Jack Charles Knowles was held in the Chapel of Pusey House, Oxford, on Saturday. The Rev Dr John Barton officiated. Dr Angela Stockdale, daughter, read the lesson, Mr Sam Knowles, son, read from the works of Plato and Mr David Knowles, son, read personal reflections from Mr Stanley Piggott. Professor Christopher Hawkes and Canon Stanley Young gave addresses.

Nature notes



The brent goose

As autumn progresses, most birds are noisiest around dusk. House sparrows roost in huddled flocks, in evergreens or under the roofs of houses, and chirp together loudly for up to an hour before they sleep. Blackbirds come to the edges of their territories and challenge each other with loud, chinking cries as the light fades; afterwards, if there is not much thick cover to be had, they too will join up to roost. Hedge sparrows that have spent the day on their own call to each other with thin cries, and often roost in pairs. Robins generally sleep alone in fir trees or thick ivy.

The first brent geese, with their barking calls, are coming in from the Russian Arctic and appearing on estuaries along the east and south coasts. Many pochards and tufted ducks are also flying in across the North Sea, and settling on lakes and ponds throughout the country.

The dank smell of autumn leaves grows stronger. Some birch trees are almost bare, and there are dense piles of leaves under the London planes. Still in flower are buttercups, dandelions and the aromatic feverfew, with its small white rays and large yellow disc floret at the centre.

DJM

A memorial service for Mrs Peter Edwards will be held in St John's Cathedral, Garden Road, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, October 26, 1988 at 5.00pm.

Richmond Tutorial College

Mr Jonathan Pollitzer has been elected Chancellor of Richmond Tutorial College in succession to Princess Delgoda of Sri Lanka.

Birthdays today

Mr Winston S. Churchill, MP, 48; Mr Charles Dance, actor, 42; Sir John Cassels, director-general, NEDO, 60; Miss Laura Davies, golfer, 25; Mr Ted Edgar, showjumper, 53; the Right Rev A.I.M. Haggart, former Bishop of Edinburgh, 73; Miss Helen Hayes, actress, 88; Lord Kincraig, 70; Professor J.B. Large, professor of applied acoustics, 58; Viscount Macmillan of Ovenden, 45; Mr Daniel Massey, actor, 55; Mr Nicholas Parsons, broadcaster, 60; Mr Harold Pinter, playwright, 58; Dr Brian Smith, master, St Catherine's College, Oxford, 55; Sir John Stebbings, solicitor, 64; Mr Frank H. Taylor, former MP, 81; Mr G.F.M.P. Thompson, former chairman, Kleinwort Benson, 78; Mr Midge Ure, rock singer, 35.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Jacobus Arminius, theologian, Oudewater, Netherlands, 1560; Jean-Antoine Watteau, painter, Valenciennes, France, 1684; Henry Cavendish, chemist and physicist, Nice, 1731; Benjamin West, president of the Royal Academy 1792-1820, Springfield, Pennsylvania, 1738, Hugh Miller, geologist and writer, Cromarty, 1802; Giuseppe Verdi, Parma, Italy, 1813; Rufus Isaacs, 1st Marquess of Reading, Lord Chief Justice 1913-21, Viceroy of India 1921-26, London 1860; Fridjof Nansen, Arctic explorer, statesman, Nobel Peace laureate 1922, Store-Froen, Norway, 1861; William Morris, 1st Viscount Nuffield, Worcester, 1877.

DEATHS: Fra Filippo Lippi, painter, Spoleto, Italy, 1469; Charles Fourier, socialist, Paris, 1837; Edouard Daladier, premier of France 1933-34, 1938-40, Paris, 1970.

Stowe School

The governors have appointed Mr J.G.L. Nichols, a house master at Eton College, as headmaster of Stowe School from September 1989 upon the retirement of Mr C.G. Turner.

Today's royal engagements

Prince Edward will attend the Land Aid charity ball at Grosvenor House in aid of Centrepoint Soho and Childhope, at 8.00.

The Princess Royal, as president of the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, will visit Shubette Limited, Shubette House, 5 Olympic Way, Wembley, at 9.55 and will open the company's new headquarters building; she will visit Frank Usher, 100 Broadway, NW9, at 11.00; as Honorary President of the Chartered Institute of Transport, will name a Class 90 Intercity electric locomotive The Chartered Institute of Transport at Euston Station, at 12.15; and will present the awards at the 1988 Business Traveller Awards Luncheon at the Mayfair Hotel, at 12.50. Later, as Honorary President of The Chartered Institute of Transport, she will attend the institute's presidential address, given by Mr Alistair Pugh, president 1988-89, and a dinner given by the institute at the Royal Over-Seas League, SW1, at 6.10.

Princess Margaret will attend a gala performance of Prince Igor by the Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet at the Birmingham Hippodrome, in aid of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children at 7.20.

The Duchess of Gloucester will attend a luncheon in aid of MacIntyre (A Purposeful Life for Mentally Handicapped Children and Adults) at the Mansion House at 12.50. Later, as patron of the Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths (Cot Death Research and Support), she will open the Children's Christmas Card Exhibition at Christie's, at 6.30.

Dinner

Cranleigh
Mr John Biffin, MP, was the guest of honour at the Cranleigh dinner held at the school on Saturday. Mr Anthony Hart, headmaster, presided.

Marriages

Mr C.G. Marler and Miss C.M. Price
The marriage took place on Saturday in Winchester Cathedral of Mr Christopher Marler, son of the late Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Marler, and ward of Mrs Hobart Moore, of South House, Knowle Lane, Cranleigh, Surrey, to Miss Caroline Price, daughter of Mr and the Hon Mrs Peter Price, of Avington Manor Farm, Winchester. The Dean of Winchester officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Rebecca Corbett, Francis Moore, Miss Katharine Jones and Miss Sarah Tidswell. Mr Nicholas Marler was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Captain M.G.C. MacGregor, yr of MacGregor and Miss C.M.L. Campbell
The marriage took place on Saturday at the Parish Church of Glenaray and Inveraray of Captain Malcolm MacGregor, yr of MacGregor, elder son of Brigadier Sir Gregor and Lady MacGregor of MacGregor, to Miss Cecilia Campbell, elder daughter of Sir Ilay and Lady Campbell of Succoth. The Rev Dr R. Macleod officiated, assisted by the Rev J.E. McQuilken.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Candida Campbell, Miss Edwina Wynyard, the Hon Iona Campbell Gray, Miss Emma Fellowes, Miss Teresa Cash and Miss Eloise Napier. Mr Ninian MacGregor was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride.

Mr J.P.M. Craig and Miss F.A. Roberts
The marriage took place on Saturday in St Joseph's Cathedral, Swansea, of Mr James Craig, son of Sir James Craig, of Pimlico, London, and Lady Craig, of Headington, Oxford, to Miss Ann Roberts, daughter of Mr and Mrs B. Roberts, of Mayals, Swansea. Father Anthony Sylvester O'Donnell officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Brigid Craig. Mr Andrew Craig was best man.

A reception was held at The Orangery, Margam, and the honeymoon will be spent in France.

Mr A.A. Gossage and Miss J.L. Vaughan
The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St Mary and St Martin, Blyth, Nottinghamshire, of Mr Andrew Gossage, 14th/20th King's Hussars, younger son of Major and Mrs T.L. Gossage, of Flexford House, Sway, Hampshire, to Miss Jessica Vaughan, daughter of the late Mr Gresham Vaughan and of Lady Buchanan, of Hodsock Priory, Blyth, Nottinghamshire. Canon Ralph Wheaton officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her stepfather, Sir Andrew Buchanan, was attended by Emma and Jessica Summers, Philippa Moore, Tom McFenan and Miss Laura Buchanan. Mr Philip Gossage was best man.

A guard of honour was found by Warrant Officers and Non Commissioned Officers of the 14th/20th King's Hussars.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent in the Windward Islands.

Mr P.J. Sexton and Miss C.E. Batty
The marriage took place on September 24, 1988 at St Andrew's, Ham Common, of Mr Philip Sexton, only son of Mr Clair Sexton, of Stoke d'Abernon, Surrey, and Mrs Jean Sexton, of East Sheen, London, to Miss Charlotte Batty, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Batty, of Kingston, Surrey. The Rev Maurice Gray and the Rev David Moore officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Linda Sexton, Rosalind Moore and Jonathan Reynolds. Mr Simon Crump was best man.

A reception was held at the bride's parents' home, Claremont House, Kingston, and the honeymoon is being spent in Kenya.

Lieutenant-Commander R.E.A. Shrubb, RN and Wing-Commander J.M. Kingston, RAF
The marriage took place on October 7, at Honiton, of Lieutenant-Commander Bushy Shrubb, RN, son of the late Mr E.E. Shrubb and Mrs Shrubb, of Exeter, Devon, and Wing-Commander Jo Kingston, RAF, daughter of the late Mr H.D. Hague and Mrs Hague, of Thornbury, Avon.

Forthcoming marriages

The Hon Thomas Watson and Miss V.M.C. Spicer
The engagement is announced between Thomas Philip, son of Lord and Lady Manton, of Houghton Hall, Sancton, York, and Venetia Margaret Cadogan, daughter of Mr and Mrs Paul Spicer, of Ovington Gardens, London, SW3.

Mr D.J. Barney and Miss F.H.F. Brown
The engagement is announced between David James, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J.S. Barney, of Shenfield, Essex, and Fiona Helen Fordyce, elder daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs M.B.M. Brown, of Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire.

Mr R.J. Cockin and Miss S.E. Jones
The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Professor J.A. and Dr M.E. Cockin, of New Malden, Surrey, and Siân, daughter of Dr J.H. and Mrs C.N. Jones, of Cardiff.

Mr M.A.C. Craigen and Miss F.M. Hamilton
The engagement is announced between Michael, younger son of Dr and Mrs A.A. Craigen, of Cambridge, and Fiona, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs A.J. Hamilton, of Helensburgh, Dumbartonshire.

Mr K. Egerton and Miss F.H. Stidston
The engagement is announced between Kevin, son of Mrs Winifred Egerton, of Gore, South Island, New Zealand, and the late Mr Kenneth Egerton, and Fiona Hamilton, daughter of Mr and Mrs Dudley Stidston, of Bolberry, near Kingsbridge, South Devon.

Mr P.M.E. Gibbs and Miss C.C. Barroll
The engagement is announced between Patrick, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Michael Gibbs, of 19 Caroline Place, London, W2, and Catherine, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Barroll, of Caversham, Berkshire.

Mr J-J. Guilband and Miss F. Beeston
The engagement is announced between Jean-Jacques, son of M Jean and Mme Guilband, of Tours, France, and Fiona, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Beeston, of Washington, DC, United States.

Mr C.R. Hargreaves and Miss K.S.K. Plante
The engagement is announced between Colin, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J.R. Hargreaves, of Charlton Kings, Gloucestershire, and Karen, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R.E. Plante, of Worcester.

Mr J.E. Jones and Miss M.A. Courtauld
The engagement is announced between James, son of Dr and Mrs John Jones, of Wimbleweather, Haslemere, Surrey, and Melissa, daughter of Mr and Mrs Samuel Courtauld, of Don Johns Farm, Earls Colne, Essex.

Mr C. Kinloch Bryce and Miss J.M. Zamit
The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr Ian Kinloch Bryce, of St Albans, Hertfordshire, and the late Brenda F. Bryce, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs John H. Zamit, of Rotherham, Yorkshire.

Mr S.A. Lacey and Miss S.B. Meakin
The engagement is announced between Simon, eldest son of Mr D. Lacey, of Sharpthorne, Sussex, and of Mrs P.A. Shepherd, of Cowden, Kent, and Sarah, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs F.G. Meakin, of Southfleet, Kent.

Mr C.K. Leung and Miss E.J. Kersley
The engagement is announced between Ching Kei (Jenkin), only son of Mr and Mrs Shau-Ha Leung, of Kowloon Tong, Hong Kong, and Elizabeth Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Frederick Kersley, of Ipswich, Suffolk.

Mr T.P. Radford and Miss C.M. Maitland
The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of Mr and Mrs Patrick Radford, of Langford Hall, Newark, Nottinghamshire, and Camilla, daughter of Mr and Mrs William Maitland, of Somersby House, Somersby, Lincolnshire.

Mr N.J. Sansbury and Miss C.J. McConnell
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, eldest son of the Rev and Mrs Christopher Sansbury, of Long Melford, Suffolk, and Christine, only daughter of Dr and Mrs John McConnell, of Headingley, Leeds.

Mr D.E. Singleton and Miss K.M. Smith
The engagement is announced between Daniel Emile, son of the late Mr R.R. Singleton and Mrs J. Singleton, of Moulins, France, and Katharine Miranda, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D.C. Smith, of Halstock, Dorset.

Mr F.C. Sleath and Miss E.A. Boddie
The engagement is announced between Frederick, only son of the late Mr Fred Sleath and of Mrs Shirley E. Sleath, of Swithland, Leicestershire, and formerly of Rothley, and Elizabeth, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs D.F. Boddie, of Leicester.

Mr F.A.N. Welham and Miss K.E. Hobbs
The engagement is announced between Fraser, second son of Mr Richard Welham, Reading, and Mrs Sheila de Cort, Weybridge, Surrey, and Katie, only daughter of Professor and Mrs Patrick Holmes, Steeple Morden, Cambridgeshire.

Mr P.M.G. Young and Miss A.E. Sadleir
The engagement is announced between Peter, elder son of Mr and Mrs Malcolm Young, of Winterbourne Bassett, Wiltshire, and Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Sadleir, of Tocumwal, New South Wales.

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OBITUARIES

SIR EDWARD HULTON

Creator of "Picture Post"

Sir Edward Hulton, an outstanding figure in the publishing world of the 1940s and 1950s, died on October 8 aged 81.

He will be chiefly remembered as founder of the magazine *Picture Post*, which exercised so strong an influence over the minds of the wartime and immediate post-war generations. He was preparing to celebrate the 50th anniversary of its launching this month. He had closed it down in 1957 because the competition from television.

But at the height of *Picture Post*'s success, the Hulton Press, which he started in 1938, included other successful journals, such as *Farmer's Weekly*, *Housewife* and *Lilliput*. A string of profitable children's magazines was added later.

Hulton had long been considering such a pioneer venture as *Picture Post* proved to be. Then he met Stefan Lorant, an gifted and pictorially-minded German journalist and refugee from Hitler. Together they planned the venture; the moment was propitious and it was almost immediately apparent that the magazine satisfied a hugh public demand.

Edward George Warris Hulton was born on November 29, 1906, the only son of Sir Edward Hulton, first baronet, by Millicent Hilton, one of five sisters prominent on the London stage. His grandfather, also an Edward Hulton, had risen from being a Lancashire printer to become head of a publishing firm which included, at various times, papers so well-known as the *Daily Dispatch*, *Sunday Chronicle*, *Evening Standard* and the *Daily Sketch*.

Sir Edward sold the papers, however, in the late 1920s, and it was not until he was 30 years old that his son realised control over the fortune on which his own success as publisher would be built.

He had been prepared for this by education at Harrow and at Brasenose College, Oxford, where he was a history scholar, gained several prizes, spoke frequently in the Union and edited the student magazine *Cherwell*.

As a young man Hulton stood for Parliament as a Conservative without success, and remained a supporter of Mr Neville Chamberlain until a year or two before the Second World War. Called to the Bar by the Inner Temple, he was active for a while in chambers and on the South-Eastern circuit. He also showed keen interest in social conditions, giving financial support to clubs and charitable organisations.



It was with the launching of *Picture Post*, however, in October 1938, that Edward Hulton became nationally known. The magazine's circulation rapidly reached over a million and a quarter, and its dramatic use of pictures coupled with vigorous and astringent writing made it the most talked-of publication of its day.

Hulton himself contributed an article of comment, but expressed his views most freely in the monthly, *World Review*, which at times he personally edited.

The success of *Picture Post* brought a wide expansion of its proprietor's activities, and his house in Hill Street was, during the first years of the war, a centre for various progressive plans and movements preparaing for post-war Britain.

The Home Guard School at Osterley and the 1941 Committee both took shape in his study, where support was also organised for the Beveridge Report on Full Employment and for other aspects of the new Welfare State.

In the later years of the first Attlee Government Hulton became, however, increasingly critical of Labour policies and in February 1950 he announced that he would vote Conservative at the General election and rejoined the Conservative Party.

During the early 1950s rising costs, and the failure to adapt the magazine editorially to a new public and to television, brought mounting difficulties. There were frequent changes of editor, and at one point virtually the whole board of directors was got rid of.

These and other efforts failed to stem the tide, and in June 1957 the magazine published its last issue.

Attempts to launch a new Sunday newspaper and a magazine of opinion, *Weekly Post*, were unsuccessful. In 1959 Hulton Press was bought up by Odhams Press, which was itself before long incorporated in IPC.

"I built up the Hulton Press myself" Hulton once observed. "My great love was *Picture Post*. It was very sad for me when it had to stop ... It had been a landmark in British journalism."

Hulton was strongly in favour of a more united Europe and besides being editor-in-chief of the *European Review* had been a vice president of the European League for Economic Cooperation and a member of the British Council of the European Movement.

He was a man of many interests and wide reading, free from self-importance and affectation, generous both privately and to public causes.

The effect on him of his parentage — a formidable, irascible father and a beautiful but exasperating mother — was to make it difficult for him to trust or confide in those about him, and his strong likes and dislikes were liable at times to sudden changes.

Throughout his life, however, he retained a touching devotion to the memory of his sister Betty, the companion of a lonely childhood, who had died in 1932.

Hulton wrote several books, the best of which, *When I Was a Child*, is full of interesting glimpses of life in a wealthy North Country home at the beginning of the century.

He was fond of social life, belonging to half-a-dozen clubs and entertaining freely both in London and in the country houses which he owned at different times.

He was knighted in 1957.

He married twice, first in 1927, Kira Pavlovna, daughter of General Paul Gondime-Levkovitsch of the Imperial Russian Army. That marriage was dissolved in 1932, and in 1941 he married Princess Kika Yourievitch, whose father, Prince Serge Yourievitch, diplomat and sculptor, had been a Chamberlain at the Court at the Tsar.

Of this marriage, dissolved in 1966, there are two sons and a daughter who now survive him.

JACKIE MILBURN

Jackie (John Edward Thompson) Milburn, the outstanding former Newcastle United and England centre-forward, and latterly a sports journalist with the *News of the World*, died yesterday at the age 64.

Milburn was a member of the most famous footballing family in the country. Four cousins played League football, and a fifth was the mother of Bobby and Jack Charlton. In the North-East, where he was born and lived almost all his life, he was revered as much as Bobby Charlton is nationally.

Milburn was the idol of Tyneside in the 1940s and 1950s, earning the name "Wor Jackie" as he cemented the passionate love affair between Newcastle fans and the wearers of the No.9 shirt, which had begun with Hughie Gallacher.

In fact, Milburn joined Newcastle in 1944 initially as an inside-right, and when he began his League career it was as a right winger.

In Newcastle's promotion season 1947-48, his electric pace and ability to cut in, and shoot fiercely, with either foot brought him 21 goals from the wing.

Those abilities made him even more dangerous when he moved into the middle. They would also have made him the most prized of the forwards of his era in today's game.

Possibly because he did not relish the more physical side of that role, in spite of having the right stature at 5ft 11in and 11st 10lb, Milburn himself preferred the wing. Such an eminent winger as Stanley Matthews also advised him to stay on the wing in order to prolong his career.

Yet there was no doubt, even though he was only moderately useful in the air, that he had found his real niche as a centre-forward. The position gave him the perfect stage to reveal his flair for scoring spectacular goals and decisive ones, including the two which won Newcastle the FA Cup at Wembley in 1950.

It is an article of faith on Tyneside that one of those goals was the finest ever seen in a Cup final. The only area of debate was which one.

Milburn himself, preferred the first, which saw him race free from just over the halfway line with the Blackpool defence in hot pursuit as he went on to slip the ball past Farm.



The second was more obviously spectacular as he met Ernie Taylor's back-heel with a crashing left foot drive which soared into the top corner from 20 yards.

If other goals were less dramatic, they revealed his ability to score on the big occasion. Ironically for someone not noted for his heading ability, his first goal for England, on his debut against Northern Ireland in 1948, and his other Cup final goal, the first in Newcastle's 3-1 victory over Manchester City in 1955, were both headers.

In all, he scored 10 goals in a meagre 13 games for England between 1948 and 1956, including three against Wales in Cardiff in 1949, and 178 in 354 League games for Newcastle, his only League club.

He left Newcastle, possibly prematurely, in 1956 and had a spell with Linfield in the Irish League as player-coach before replacing Alf Ramsey as manager of Ipswich in 1963. That was not a success as Milburn inherited a declining side.

He was, anyway, too nice a man to be a good manager, and he returned to his beloved North-East to become a journalist, initially with the *Sunday Sun* before joining the *News of the World*.

If he lacked his former Newcastle colleague-turned journalist Len Shackleton's flair for one-liners, he brought his own deep knowledge, generosity of judgement and love of the game to the job, making north-eastern football press boxes a joy to visit.

He retired in the summer and fell ill shortly afterwards.

He leaves a wife, Laura, two daughters and a son.

BILLY DANIELS

Billy Daniels, the American ballad and big band singer who was famous for the hit "That Old Black Magic" featuring in the film *Spangled Rhythm*, died on October 7 aged 73.

He estimated that over 40 years he had sung that song some 25,000 times since he decided on first performing it as a last-minute addition to his act at the Harlem Club in Atlantic City in 1943. He pulled the tune out of stack of sheet music just before he went on stage. The lyrics were by the famous Johnny Mercer. Records of the song quickly climbed past the 12 million mark, plus an estimated four million bootlegged copies.

Daniels, once recounting how he found his "signature tune", explained he realised that if people were to take any notice he had to perform it differently from the style of all other vocalists. "I started to move, to click my fingers. Fortunately, that was unusual. Everyone was trying to sound like Bing Crosby then. People noticed me because I did it differently," he said.

But Daniels was far more than a one-song man. The full extent of his talents was revealed to London audiences with his show *Bubbling Brown Sugar* which in 1978 won him the London Critics Award for the best musical performance of the year.

Daniels also appeared at eight Royal Command performances for the Queen.

Bubbling Brown Sugar had in fact much of his own life story about it, being all about the music which came from Harlem in its great days. It featured the Harlem "Tree of Hope", a chopped down stump in New York's Seventh Avenue, adopted by the music business as a shrine.

Born the son of a railway mail clerk, Daniels, a light-skinned negro, started in show business while studying to become a lawyer as a singing waiter in Harlem speakeasies in the days of Prohibition.

By the late 1930s, he was singing for the Erskine Hawkins band and soon had his own show.

Sir Alec Issigonis (Obituaries, October 4) suffered from Ménières disease and not Parkinson's disease.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.
St Mark 10:45

BIRTHS

CROWLEY - On 30th September 1988 at St Davids Hospital Cardiff to Jane (née Rosser) and Mark a son Huw Dafydd Rossler.

MAY - On Thursday October 6th, 1988 at St. Mary's Hospital Paddington to Phillip and Sima, a son Christopher David.

LEARY - On October 7th, at St Albans City Hospital, to Elaine (née Buchanan) and Peter, a son, Peter James.

LENNIE - On October 6th in Melbourne to Suzanne (née Shurey) and Timothy, a daughter, Catherine Margaret.

MANNING - On September 27th to Irene (née Wilson) and Michael, a daughter, Catherine Ann, sister for Nicola.

MATUSIAK - On September 22nd at The Leighton Hospital, Crewe, to Jill (née Lawrence) and Bish, a daughter Emily Jayne, a sister for Katie.

MICHELMORE - On October 6th to Catherine (née Stephens) and Christopher, a son.

VIDEAMI - On September 21st to Carolyn (née Henderson) and Adam, a daughter, Jessica Florence.

WORRLEY - On October 7th 1988 at the Whittington Hospital Highgate to Anne (nee McIntier) and John, a son, Matthew Phillip, a brother for Nicholas.

MARRIAGES

SMITH-CASTLE - On September 26th, in Scotland, J. Sam Smith of Ossishaw, Surrey to Marion Castle of Auckland, New Zealand.

WHELAN-PLANT - The marriage took place on Saturday October 1st, at Brompton Hospital Chapel between Dr. Jeremy Whelan only son of Dr. and Mrs N. Whelan of Old Cleeve, Somerset and Miss Hilary Plant, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Plant of Beckenham. The reverend Sandy Millar, officiated.

BIRTHDAYS

DEAREST MAMU I'm sure we will have a lovely birthday. Many happy returns. Love Mayrix and Nisha.

DEATHS

BARRETT - On October 7th, very suddenly at home, Dublin, husband of Paddy.

CHEVREAU D'ANTRAIGUES - On October 4th, peacefully in Lausanne, Mary, Comtesse Chevreau D'Antraigues (née Letts). The funeral has taken place.

FISHER - On October 5th, peacefully in hospital, after a short illness most courageously borne, Kathleen Kirkham, younger daughter of the late Mr & Mrs J. O. Fisher of Perth, Western Australia and sister of the late Faith and Jum, much loved aunt and great aunt. Family flowers only. Service at Chichester crematorium on Tuesday, 11th October at 10.30 am.

FOOTT - On October 5th, peacefully in Ruttleswood Hospital Skipton, Dorothy Heath, aged 92 years, beloved wife of the late Adam Foott, formerly Broughton and Helmsley. Requiem mass at St Stephens Church Skipton, at 11.45 on Monday October 10th, followed by cremation at Walton Wheys Skipton, at 12.00 noon. Enquiries (0756) 749687.

GATELY - On October 6th suddenly at his home after a short illness, Bernard Damien O.B.E. Beloved husband of Katie and father of Nicholas, formerly of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Funeral service Thursday October 13th at 10.45 am at St. Gregory's Church, Broadway, Thorpe Bay, Southend.

GRAY - On October 4th 1988, peacefully in hospital, Marcus Dods Gray, aged 83, beloved husband of Pat, father of Frances, Elspeth and Marcus. Thanksgiving service at Saint Laurence's Church, Hungerford on Friday October 14th at 2pm.

HASLAM - On October 7th 1988 at St Luke's Nursing Home Oxford, Norah Agnes aged 82 years, widow of Eric Seale, Haslam of Broadsall priory, Derby. Loving aunt of Susan Lloyd, Jane Otway, Kate and Tabitha Woodroff. Cremation private. Thanks giving service and committal of ashes at St Mathews Church Morley Derby on Saturday 29th October at Noon.

JONES - On October 7th 1988, after a short illness, at Glanclwyd Hospital, Lynn beloved son of Mr Ted and Mrs Ethel Jones and brother of Michael of Ruthin, North Wales. Funeral service to be held at St. Peter's Church, Ruthin at 1.30pm on Wednesday 12th October. Family flowers only please but donations may be sent to Glanclwyd Hospital scanner fund.

LEWIS - On October 6th Edward Neysale Sunderland Lewis O.B.E., beloved husband of Jane and much loved by his family. Service and cremation at the Guildford crematorium on Thursday 13th October at 12.30. Family flowers only but donations if desired in his memory to the British Heart Foundation.

McFETRIDGE - On October 2nd 1988, suddenly, Ian Graham aged 40 years, s. Funeral service on Wednesday October 12th in the Chapel at All Souls Cemetery, Kensal Green, Harrow Road, W10 at 1pm. Family flowers only, donations to The Philosophy Department, Corpus Christi College, Merton Street, London WC1 6TD. Enquiries to John Hems, Funeral Director tel 01-229 5544.

MILLER - On October 6th at home, after an illness, courageously borne Christopher Stevenson beloved husband and father. Funeral service at St Luke's Church, Streatham Hill on Thursday 13th October at 11.30 am. Enquiries to Francis Chappell & Sons, 231 High Street, Bromley, Kent. Tel: 01 460 3720.

POWIS - On October 7th, peacefully at his home, Powis Castle, Cburton, Victor Charles, 6th Earl of Powis, aged 84 years. Funeral at Christ Church, Welshpool on Friday October 14th at 2.30pm. Flowers, or donations for Christ Church, Welshpool, to Douglas Evans & Son, High Street, Welshpool. 0938 3380.

PEBBLE - On October 7th, Jane Houston, at her home in London. Peacefully after a short illness. Beloved wife of Gordon, and very loving mother of Amy and Matthew. Funeral service at Holy Trinity church, Castelnau, Barnes, SW13, on Friday 14th October, at 11.30 am. Followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, donations if desired to The Jane Cowell Memorial Fund the Central School of Speech and Drama, Embassy Theatre, Eastern Avenue, London, NW3 3HY.

REID - On October 6th at the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, Edward John Carroll Chaldo, beloved husband of Elizabeth, dear father of Sheila, Martin, Mark and Joanna. Grandfather of Benjamin and Rebecca. Cremation at Oxford Crematorium at 2.30 on Tuesday October 11th. Family flowers only, donations to Arthritis Research.

ROWSELL - On October 7th peacefully in hospital, John of Stoke Charity, Winchester. Funeral private Service of Thanksgiving in Winchester Cathedral on Tuesday October 18th at 2.30pm. Donations if desired to St Paul's Hospital c/o John Sleet & Son, Chesil House, Winchester.

STOVOLD - On October 5th, 1988, Hilda Margaret (née Ridedale) of Farnham, Surrey. Wife of the late Kenneth Ernest Stovold, Archdeacon of Nairobi. Much loved mother of Elizabeth, Roger, Paula and a loving grandmother. Funeral service at St. Andrews Parish Church, Farnham on Friday October 14th at 2.15 pm, followed by cremation. Flowers or donations if preferred for Arthritis and Rheumatism Council, to H.C. Patrick & Co. 86 East Street, Farnham. Tel (0252) 714884.

WEBBER - On October 8th, at Guildford, Rosemary Margaret, loving wife of Frank Anthony and devoted mother of David and Serena, after a brave fight against cancer, bourne with courage and dignity, now at peace. Service at St.Martins, Blackheath on Friday 14th October at 2.30pm followed by private burial. Enquiries: Phipps of Guildford, 67394.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

CRAWLEY - A service of thanksgiving for the lives of Mr Andrew Crawley and Mr Randall Crawley will be held on Thursday October 13th at noon at St Michaels, Chester Square.

HUNT - A Memorial Service for General Sir Peter Hunt will be held on Monday October 24th at 2.30 pm in the Memorial Chapel, Royal Military Academy Sandhurst. Dress Uniform or suits (not morning dress).

WAGSTAFF - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Norman Stanley Wagstaff will be held on October 24th at St. Margaret's, Lothbury, London, EC2 at 12.00 noon.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

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The conductor from over the Wall

West Berlin's premier orchestra plays in London tomorrow. Richard Morrison meets the East Berliner who conducts

A 35-year-old conductor drove 10 miles from his home last January to make his debut with a local orchestra. The reason why that is so unusual is that the city was Berlin, the conductor came from the East, and the orchestra was the Berlin Philharmonic (which most certainly lives in the West). Claus Peter Flor became the first East Berlin resident to conduct the Philharmonic. Other Eastern bloc conductors have done so, but the Wall is that bit higher for Berliners.

Flor is the most visible of a bright new breed of East German conductors who are filling the gaps left as the veteran Masur/Kurt Sanderling generation move towards retirement, and more established conductors are lured to the West. As the GDR has 88 permanent, salaried orchestras, there are plenty of gaps

His appointment as principal conductor of East Berlin's musical pride, the Berlin Symphony Orchestra, came in swift fashion. In 1984 Gunther Herbig left for Detriot. Flor, then in charge of a minor-league orchestra, had conducted the BSO earlier in the season, impressing Sanderling, chief reconstructor of East Berlin orchestral life after 1961. Sanderling suggested that Flor was a useful name for the future. As Flor says wryly: "The future came six months later."

Four years on, Flor and the Berlin Symphony Orchestra have embarked on a DDR flag-showing exercise of Olympian proportions: 41 concerts in 50 days on three continents. Currently in Britain (the Barbican concert, their London debut, is tomorrow), they then become the first East German orchestra to play in the United States for 10 years before hopping briskly across the Pacific for concerts in Japan.

Does the Berlin Symphony Orchestra have an inferiority complex about Maestro Karajan's band on the other side? "Not really," says Flor. "Berlin is not one city anymore; we share the same sky only. There is hardly any overlap of soloists, and certainly not of audience". However, Flor acknowledges that the orchestra has difficulties. Concerts and operas are heavily subsidized in the East, so good seats are cheap. "But we have poor infrastructure here — transport to the city outskirts late at night is bad. So if we put something the public thinks is 'difficult' in a concert's second half — Prokofiev, for example — we can easily lose 200 people at the interval."

The orchestra's home is the glorious Schauspielhaus, magnificently restored, acoustically perfect, and with a fine organ just installed — so no problems there. But it exists in a vacuum. Outside, the streets die at 6pm every evening. "I am a Saxon, not a Prussian — you can probably tell that from my music-making," says Flor. "So I feel this lack of city character in East Berlin more than most. Leipzig has better nightlife."

Flor already has a recording contract with RCA, covering releases with his own players and with West German orchestras: a Mendelssohn cycle and Martinu symphonies are imminent. He has also made debuts with a couple of the London orchestras, the Orchestre de Paris and numerous American orchestras, including the Los Angeles PO. One certain result of the current tour will be to multiply invitations from abroad for a young conductor whose flamboyance and charm so manifestly refute the "dour and solid" East German image.

For his orchestra, he is impatient: "In maybe two years we will have reached our technical limit; then unfortunately it will be a question of waiting for old men to retire." But this impatience does not extend to his own career: "I don't think the conductor-for-life appointments we have here are a good idea. But at least it gives us time to develop repertoire slowly, away from commercial pressures which conductors in the West have. We have other problems, but at least young conductors have a chance to think."

JOHN ROAN



Claus Peter Flor: conducted a minor orchestra until his talent was noticed by the influential Kurt Sanderling

PAUL BROOKES



Diva's disciple: Montserrat Caballe and a voiceless Freddie Mercury

Pretty lights, hollow sound

Jean-Michel Jarre
Royal Victoria Docks

In Docklands and Barcelona, rock fans were hoping for the spectacular. What they got was a lesson for the overambitious

Having assiduously applied his formal training to the cause of blatant populism, the French composer and keyboard player Jean-Michel Jarre has long been regarded with suspicion in the rock world, and open contempt among the classical community. Nevertheless this musical *étranger* has carved a unique reputation, and earned himself a number of entries in the *Guinness Book Of Records*, by harnessing his test card themes to performance projects of such colossal and grandiose proportions that they assume the status of events.

Sitting in the teeth of a howling wind, which gusted mercilessly over the water from the inner dock, one's attention was drawn towards the disused silos and warehouses which marked the skyline opposite and on to which huge images were projected.

But Jarre's chosen themes of the industrial revolution and Britain's history as an imperial trading power, while apposite to the location, were represented by blindingly obvious and not especially seductive sequences. Typical was a picture postcard analysis of contemporary Britain which started off with a Union Jack and then showed skinheads and peacock-haired punks with words like "smash", "riot" and "patriot" flashed alongside.

With the help of some powerful binoculars, it was just possible to make out Jarre himself, dressed in a green frock coat with a keyboard strapped round his neck and surrounded by musical equipment and VDU screens. Aboard the floating stage moored at the quayside, his band was set up on various levels with a full choir ranged across the top for some of the numbers. The Shadows' guitarist, Hank Marvin, guested with dapper *élan*

The light show was indisputably big, but it was not especially well designed. There were a lot of searchlights straffing the air, and one or two lasers; but generally a lot of circling movements were described with little rhyme or reason.

The stars of the show were undoubtedly the fireworks which tended to come in dense bursts at the beginning and end of the numbers, filling the night sky with vivid shards of colour. Blues, golds, silvers and greens rained down, some in exotic chrysanthemum shapes, while incandescent bursts of white slithered upwards like tadpoles from the rooftops opposite. At the end, waterfalls of flame cascaded dramatically down the front walls of the wharfs.

David Sinclair

CONCERT

BSO/Litton
Festival Hall

Andrew Litton's tenure of the Principal Conductor's post with the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, which began in London on Saturday, looks as though it might have an invigorating effect. In three contrasting works the orchestra's performances bore the mark of commitment which suggested an ideal combination of concentrated rehearsal and charismatic direction.

One hopes, however, that his programme planners might think harder about the kind of new music they include. We were offered John Adams's *Short Ride in a Fast Machine*, a loud, swanky, glossy pattern-piece, brief as its title promised, dominated by the insistent pulse of woodblocks and explained by its composer with the rhetorical question: "You know how it is when someone asks you to ride in a terrific sports car, and then you wish you hadn't?"

Actually the piece did not take one's breath away quite as intended, and neither really did Salvatore Accardo's account of Brahms's Violin Concerto, though his playing was light and secure enough.

Holst's The Planets was given with the care that kept mystery and imagination to the fore in this, now rather dated, work.

Stephen Pettitt

Olympic torch is welcomed with a sore throat

Not even Jarre's technology could have saved *La Nit*, Barcelona's opening shot in a four-year *Olympiada Cultural* programme, from anti-climax on Saturday.

Britain's Freddie Mercury, co-star of the open-air concert, in the presence of King Juan Carlos, could not sing. This may be old news to opera lovers who have ridiculed his recent collaborations with Barcelona's beloved Diva, Montserrat Caballe. But on this occasion he could not produce a note. His throat was out of action, and he had to make do with miming to a record.

It is just possible that those right at the back of the highly restrained crowd of 40,000 could not tell the difference; but for any Briton reared on *Top of the Pops* mime, it was obvious. It was also a crying shame, for this duetting between the lead singer of Queen and his adopted musical *madre* was to have been the high point of a night staged in celebration of the city's receipt of the Olympic flag from Seoul.

Neither Mercury nor Caballe deserved the unwitting irony of having to mouth such lyrics as "How can I go on?" and "I love you for your silence" while the tape played on, and the strings of the Orquestra Ciutat de Barcelona sat motionless downstage.

Spandau Ballet gave a lumpen, lager-loutish set, and Suzanne Vega, the mandatory girl-with-guitar, failed to do for Barcelona what Tracey Chapman does for Mandela.

Even though the show ran on into the small hours, if you include the concerted firework attack on the ozone layer at the end, there were so many performers that each had time for no more than a token spot; in some cases these amounted merely to trailers for past greatness — alongside Spandau Ballet and Suzanne Vega there were Rudolph Nureyev, Jose Carreras, Dionne Warwick and Jerry Lee Lewis.

Had Mercury sung with Montserrat, we might have made a night of it; as it was, there were sad shades of Seoul's most enduring image, the 100-metres final — another performance underpinned by artifice.

Alan Franks

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A New Model for the serial

RADIO

There will be cries of dismay, I am sure, from devotees of Radio 4's Classic (or occasionally not so classic) Serial, when they discover that their weekly fix has now been set aside altogether in favour of a 12 week venture into historical drama. On the evidence of the first episode, however, they will find it difficult to maintain that Don Taylor's God's Revolution (Fridays; director, Shaun Macloughlin) has short-changed them.

This is the story of events following 1647 and the final defeat in battle of Charles I. It promises to be a first class bit of historical writing. Taylor's dialogue has the flavour of its period, but without archaisms; it is vigorously supple and colloquial. Direction and acting, notably by Nigel Anthony as General Fairfax, are assured, and lines of tension have been deftly laid, both in individual predicaments and in the wider clash impending between Parliament and Army.

They were stirring times those 1640s, in which it seemed for a moment possible that some new and better order of society might be imminent. It never materialized, and perhaps 350 years later we are at last coming round to the realization that it never will without some major evolutionary step in human consciousness. These days there is some reason for sharing the assumption at the root of George Tarry's Poppies (Radio 4, Monday; director, Vanessa Whitburn) that the likely course of events is sharply downhill. Britain has become a police state, the title referring to a bunch of licensed hoodlums, whose origins in present-day society it doesn't take much perception to discern. The atmosphere of repression and surveillance was well established, sustaining what was a thriller well into its second half, when visiting businessman Peter Dawson (Peter Marinker) is persuaded to cooperate in helping a dissident flee the country. But then it all came totally unstitched in a welter of complications. Was the US embassy man on the level or a gay in trouble or a member of the CIA or all three? And was the British Chief Superintendent Bird in cahoots with the Yank or with the dissident? Or both?

Real life, even real life crime, is far less complicated. At least that is one of the conclusions I drew from They Stole A Train, an hour-long documentary on the Great Train Robbery, made by Chiltern Radio, which is likely to be widely heard on ILR stations. No doubt Buster Edwards has said his piece to microphone before, but this was the first time I had heard him and absolutely spellbinding it was. Clearly to plan and carry out almost without a hitch the most audacious crime of the century was almost irresistibly exciting — to the point, as Edwards told us, that when the next day the gang were counting out their £2.5 million haul at Leatherslade Farm it all seemed a bit of an anti-climax. With a subject like, it is not very easy to make a duff programme, which is just as well since Chiltern's production was no more than serviceable; nor was the hollow clang of a closing prison door with which it ended the first of its resounding clichés.

David Wade

From kitchens to the Cabinet

TELEVISION

Modern feminism emerged in Britain around 1971, when I recall a *Daily Mail* editor announcing that he could imagine no circumstances in which it would be a fit subject for a family newspaper. Five years later, the editor of ITN was heard to vow that he simply had to hire a woman and a black soon. *Out Of The Doll's House* is the first major factual series on the subject by the BBC, even now relegated to BBC2. However, women's issues almost instantly became the staff of mainstream television drama; the treatment of women by and within the medium is of perpetual concern to feminists. This halting progress is an interesting reflection of the unwieldy, consensual nature of television.

This documentary on motherhood was the start of an eight-part series about the changes in women's lives this century. It was disappointingly weak in political structure, but entertainingly strong on archive film. For times past, an ageing slattern in a pinny, hanging up washing in a slum back yard, proudly admitted being 37-years-old and the mother of 14 children. For the present, the notorious Doctor Bowlby appeared to blame unbonded mothers for their children's mental illness.

We saw Oxo commercials then and now, and Doctor Spock biking through a park. We heard the man who inflicted the curse of four-hourly feeds on war-time mothers explaining that it was good for babies to cry, their lungs needed exercise.

The programme was made by a female production team and male technicians. It was pleasantly amusing without having much deliberate humour and mildly informative while containing few hard facts.

Even fewer facts were conveyed in the first of another new series, *Cities of Islam* (Channel 4), about the holy Moroccan city of Fez. The commentary suggested that the town was "like a veiled woman protecting her secrets from the world". Since the subject is exquisitely beautiful and was here quite adequately photographed, this programme might profitably have been viewed in silence.

Celia Brayfield

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MONDAY PAGE

Timing is all in a juggling act that is more demanding than many work schedules. **Victoria McKee** looks at how mothers cope

Slaves to the daily school run















SUE BACON'S SCHOOL RUN:

07:45: leave home in Clapham, south London, with children Nicholas (eight), Diana (six), Annabel (four) and George (two)

07:50: round the corner to pick up Madeleine Collins and her children, Romilly (eight), Georgia (six) and Gabriel (four). Collect Chloe (eight) from other side of Clapham Common. Drop Gabriel at Hill House small school in Chelsea

08:25: drop Diana, Nicholas, Romilly, Georgia and Chloe at Hill House School, Knightsbridge, and Madeleine who teaches there. Home with George and Annabel and give them breakfast. Leave home with them at 09.10 to pick up Mark (four-and-a-half) from west side of Common

09:25: drop George, Annabel and Mark at Montessori school, Battersea

09:45: go home, "put feet up", leave house at 11.50. Pick up George from Montessori at 12.00 and Gabriel from Hill House small school at 12.30

12:40: pick up Chloe, Romilly and Nicholas from Hill House School, which closes early on Fridays (taking George by the hand and leaving Gabriel in the car). Take Nicholas to piano lesson and pick up Diana and Georgia from theirs. All stay in the car until Nicholas comes out at 13.15. Drop Chloe, Romilly, Georgia and Gabriel. Arrive home 13.45

15:30: pick up Annabel and Mark from Montessori

Monica Ackland-Snow drives 52 miles a day, not in the line of business (she runs a property company) but in the line of parental duty. Every day, from their home in Marlow, Buckinghamshire, she drives her son Matthew (aged 11) to and from his school, Claire's Court, in Maidenhead, Berkshire, and her daughter Frances (13) to and from her school, Oak Dene in Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire. Monica Ackland-Snow is a slave to the school run.

School holidays may be hell, but school runs are a knife-edge nightmare for mothers with more than one child at more than one school requiring delivery and collection at rigidly precise times. Few business schedules are as demanding and those brave souls who juggle both have not the slightest doubt which is more difficult.

"At work you're always pacing yourself," Monica Ackland-Snow says. "But the school runs are always at a panting pace — you feel really frantic when you get on to the M25 and it's solid and there's nothing you can do and you have to be there on time."

Apologies are usually accepted with good grace if you turn up 10 minutes late for a business appointment — but the thought of leaving small children unattended on the street for even five causes parents' blood to run cold.

"I couldn't take it any more," confesses Suzie Usiskin, whose tortuous school runs were a major reason for uprooting her family of four children and solicitor husband from London and moving to Oxford last year. "The year before we left Hampstead they were at three different schools — it was horrendous," she shudders.

"I used to leave the eldest, Sacha (15), at Hampstead tube station at 7:45 and it would take her 45 minutes to get to North London Collegiate in Stanmore, Middlesex, because I couldn't hope to get there and back in time. We ruled out St Paul's because of the journey. Then I'd take Tom (11) and Sophie (12) and Alice (eight) together at 8:10 and drop Tom at The Hall in Swiss Cottage and the girls at St Christopher's in Belsize Park before 9am.

"In the afternoons we'd spend two hours in the car: the little one would finish at 3:30 and the bigger ones at 4pm and we'd sit in the car outside Swiss Cottage tube station for Sacha to get back at 5:30. The children had no social life — and Sacha couldn't stay after school for anything — and everybody was tired and it was a monumental waste of time.

"Group rotas never seem to work out well because of the great responsibility — and if you've got three children of your own and four of other peoples' you need a pretty big car, and even though I've got a big Peugeot it wasn't enough."

So now the Usiskins live in central Oxford, with all the children going to schools a three-minute walk away from the house. "They all leave at about 8:30 now, with Tom at The Dragon, Alice at Greycoats and Sacha and Sophie at Oxford High," their mother says thankfully. "I'm now able to do some catering, which is what I would like to do professionally."

Michèle Brown, historian, writer, curator of the Royal Britain exhibition at the Barbican, director of the Teddy Bear Museum in Stratford and wife of Gyles Brandreth, has scarcely missed a day at the school gate for any of her three children — Benet (13), Saethryd (11) and Aphra (10).

"Benet now goes on the bus to St Paul's, thank goodness, but I leave Barnes at 8am with Saethryd, Aphra and Daisy (11) — a neighbour. Twenty minutes later we're at another house in the same road it would take five minutes to walk to, where we pick up Emily (nine) and Edward (eight) and go over the bridge to the first school where we drop Saethryd and Daisy at St Paul's for girls at 8:25. Then we drop Emily at Bute House and collect Mallory (11) and Olivia (11) and go to Norland Place School in Holland Park Road where I deposit Edward, Mallory, Olivia and Aphra.

"But I've always wanted to do it all myself. We enjoy our time in the car together."

Monica Ackland-Snow feels much the same. "I had children to have them, if you know what I mean," she says. "Frances could be a boarder at Oak Dene, but we like to have her home so I don't mind making the 26-mile return journey twice a day. And the children were in state schools nearby, but there were the strikes, and they weren't getting the feedback and it seemed well worth the journey. Matthew loves the sport and rugger at his school, and Frances is doing athletics, so sometimes they stay late and we don't get home until after six. Occasionally I do feel I'm nothing but a mobile taxi service."

Parking in central London is almost impossible. Outside the schools Mercedes, Audis, BMWs and Volvo estates jostle for prime positions while elegantly dressed mothers plead with traffic wardens and blue-jeaned nannies dart in to seize their prey.

Even mothers with nannies like to be at the school gate whenever possible. "It creates a special bond between us," says one with two children at Hill House, Knightsbridge, where the Prince of Wales was once a pupil.

"I usually come late and leave a child in the car while I run in and grab the others," says Sue Bacon, a former midwife who lives in Clapham with her doctor husband and her four children — Nicholas (eight), Diana (six), Annabel (four) and George (two). Two are at Hill House and two at the Montessori School in Battersea.

Her school run stretches to 3.30pm (see above) and is further complicated on Fridays by Hill House's early closing time and the children's piano lessons.

Sue Bacon has participated in a number of school run rotas and still takes turns with Madeleine Collins, who teaches English at Hill House, but says: "Sometimes people just say, 'My child's ill so I won't do it today', or people get fed up, or their car's off the road."

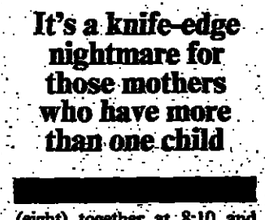
Like most of the other mothers whose lives are bounded by the school bell, she is doing it because she likes to, because she feels it's important to participate in her children's school lives and to talk to their teachers on an informal basis.

Schools which offer half an hour's leeway — opening at 8:15am if the children are due at 8:45, or allowing pick up until 4pm if the children get out at 3:30 — are much appreciated by those with complex school runs.

Outside Hill House an American mother with one child at Dulwich, one at Westminster, one at Harvard University in the United States and a little one at Hill House says: "I've worked in a very high-powered job, and I've done this, and I can tell you there's no contest about which is harder."

It's a knife-edge nightmare for those mothers who have more than one child

Pie in the sky for those bleary-eyed executives



PENNY PERRICK

It's never too soon to start attracting the punters and British Airways is going all out to catch the carry-cot trade. "Children," said Mike Batt, BA's head of brand management, in an interview in *Airport* magazine, "are the customers of tomorrow." Which is more than can be said for most of the adult executives you see toying with their calculators and gin and tonics on BA planes. Overweight, puffy-skinned and short of breath, by tomorrow they could be pushing up the daisies instead of buying a duty-free bottle of Femme for their neglected wives.

BA spent a lot of time finding out what it is that makes a child become so attached to an airline that he will go on flying it long after his teenage acne has become a distant memory.

The first thing it discovered was that children didn't like being treated as children. They hated being branded by those cute badges which airlines have always pinned to the chest of unaccompanied minors giving their name and place of destination and making them look like some kind of luggage in human guise. Travelling all by themselves gave children the chance to fantasize. And would you believe it, far from pretending that *they* were the airline pilot, manoeuvring the perfect take-off, keeping their head during an unexpected patch of turbulence and skilfully making a perfect emergency landing on the roof of the Albert Hall, they liked to pretend that they were Young Executives.

Being a young executive means that you complain about your seat, something that children seem to cotton on to pretty quickly. Abetting their little flights of fancy, BA has set up a Young Flyers Lounge at Heathrow Terminal 4 so that the little ones can get an early whiff of thinking of themselves as "exclusive".

Where children drew the line at playing Let's Pretend was when it came to food. "Children don't want chicken Kiev, pan-pan and Stilton," said Mike Batt. "They want fish fingers, hamburgers, chips, jelly and blancmange. So do some adults, secretly."

Some adults, Mr Batt? *All* adults do. Especially when they have been on a business trip knowing that whether they closed the deal or not depended on their being able to know the difference between the *foie de veau au vinaigre de framboises* and *gâteau d'aubergines et d'artichauts au foie gras de canard*, both of which made them feel decidedly liverish all night.

Just as young flyers are allowed to assume the role of adult executives, adult executives should be allowed to re-enter childhood right up until the moment when the captain's voice comes over the loudspeaker advising that he is starting his descent. A plane is the ideal place for nursery food and nursery manners. Fish fingers are better adapted to airline catering than chicken Kiev and BA's hostesses are already well on the way to becoming nannies with their sensible grey skirts and navy cardis.

I think they should go all the way and snatch business documents out of their passengers' weary hands, exclaiming strictly, "That's enough of that, young man" before sliding a jigsaw on to the clip-on tray. They should refuse to serve double brandies on the basis that "they could give you a very nasty headache" and cruise the aisles wearing flat lace-up shoes serving cups of cocoa and digestive biscuits.

Another suggestion: some airports have set up playcentres called World of Children which have toys and climbing frames and seesaws. But it's not children who need to be relieved of the cares of the world by whooshing down a slide, it's adults, especially young executives. I think BA should have a play-area called World of Tired Businessmen in all its terminals. It should contain swings, and roundabouts and helter-skelters and nanny-like supervisers should insist that all briefcases must be checked in at the door. A ride down a helter-skelter is just what a worried businessman needs before catching the flight to Stuttgart to discuss interim dividends and contractual obligations.

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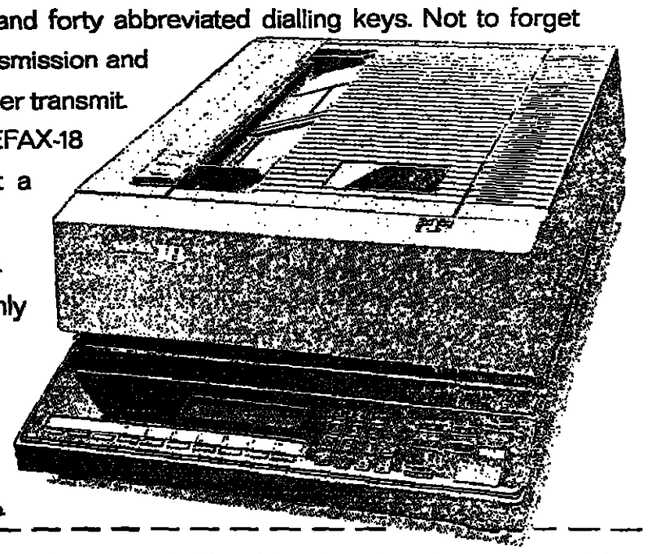
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★ **MEASURE FOR MEASURE:** See caption.
Barbican Theatre, Barbican Centre, *EC2* (01-638 8891). Tubes: Barbican/ Moorgate/St Paul's. Opens tonight 7-*9.45pm, then in repertory. Tonight* £5-£13, other eve performances £6-£15.

☆ **THE MILLIONAIRESS:** New regime under Sue Dunderdale opens with the late Shaw comedy. Barbara Flynn in the title role and Iranian actor Nasser *Namarzia as the Egyptian doctor who* bargains with her heart.
Greenwich Theatre, *Crooms Hill, SE10* (01-858 7755). Train (BR): Greenwich. *Opens tonight 7pm, then Mon-Sat* 7.45pm, mats Sat 2.30 and Nov 16 2.30pm. *Mon-Fri* £3.50-£7.50, *Sat eve* £3.50-£10, mats £3.50-£5.

★ **THE TEMPEST:** Max von Sydow heads a starry cast in Jonathan Miller's production.
Old Vic Theatre, Waterloo Rd, SE1 (01-928 7616). Tube: Waterloo. Preview tonight 7.30pm, opens tomorrow 7pm, then Mon-Fri 7.30pm and Sat 7.45pm, mats Wed 2.30pm and Sat 4pm. Preview £7-£13, from tomorrow £7-£14.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **And Then There Were None:** Strand Theatre (01-405 0072). . . ☆ **Beyond Reasonable Doubt:** Queen's Theatre (01-734 1166). . . ☆ **Cats:** *New London Theatre* (01-405 0072). . . ☆ **Follies:** *Shaftesbury Theatre* (01-379 5399). . . ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane *Theatre (01-836 8108).* . . ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 6111). . . ☆ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913). . . ★ **Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909). . . ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443) . . . ★ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244) . . . ☆ **Run For Your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216). . . ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (01-828 8665).

OUT OF TOWN

LEICESTER: ☆ **The Broken Heart:** Veronica Smart and Dhobi Oparei burn with frustrated passion in Ford's Jacobean tragedy.
Haymarket Studio Theatre, Belgrave *Gate (0533 539797), Mon-Sat 7.45pm,* £4.

YORK: ☆ **On Your Way Riley:** Alan Plater's play with music tells of the home life of Old Mother Riley (Arthur Lucan), henpecked by daughter Kitty (in fact, his wife).
Theatre Royal, St Leonard's Place (0904 623568). Mon, Tues and Thurs, 7.30pm, Wed 7pm, Fri and Sat 8pm, *£3.50-£6.50.*

FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
♿ **Advance booking possible**

AU REVOIR, LES ENFANTS (PG): Louis Malle's moving, semi-autobiographical drama, set in a provincial boarding school in the last months of World War Two. Gaspard Manesse heads the young non-professional cast (107 min).
Curzon Mayfair (01-499 3737).
Progs 1.30, 3.45, 6.20, 8.50.



Josette Simon (above) plays the leading role of Isabella in Nicholas Hytner's RSC production of *Measure For Measure* which opens at the Barbican Theatre tonight (see listing) after a successful season at Stratford-upon-Avon. Born in Leicester, Josette Simon played Dayna, the weapons expert, in the TV science fiction series, *Blake's Seven*, and Dr Pamphele in Richard Attenborough's film *Cry Freedom*. On October 23 she is appearing at Sadler's Wells Theatre in *Two Dogs and Freedom*, a gala to raise funds for the education of South African children.

A royal premiere



Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet begins *its autumn tour tonight at the* Birmingham Hippodrome — its unofficial second home and, if *Birmingham has its way, soon to* become its official first home.

As in recent years, the company *offers a premiere at the Hippo*drome: its first performance of Balanchine's *Theme And Variations*, a big classical display number to music by Tchaikovsky. Miyako Yoshida and Petter Jacobsson (left) dance the leads, and will be watched by Princess Margaret.

Also on the bill tonight are two of the most popular works from the Diaghilev repertoire: *Les Sylphides* and *Petrushka*.

The Birmingham tour concludes on October 15, moving to the Grand Theatre, Leeds, then the Apollo, Oxford, followed by *Southampton, Eastbourne and* Hull before a three-week season at Sadler's Wells, London, opening on December 13. John Percival

■ **FRANTIC (15):** Roman Polanski's latest film — a conventional mystery drama with Harrison Ford (120 min).
Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). *Progs 2.00, 6.30, 9.15.*
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 *6148). Progs 2.25, 5.10, 8.00.*
Screen on Baker Street (01-935 2772). *Progs 3.45, 6.30, 8.45.*
♿ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). *Progs* 12.50, 3.25, 6.00, 8.35.

GOOD MORNING, VIETNAM (15): Robin Williams in a military comedy about a DJ sent to Vietnam to keep up the morale of the troops. Directed by Barry Levinson (121 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 1.35, 4.10, 6.45, 9.25.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 2.30, 5.30, 8.15.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 2.00, 5.05, 8.10.
Notting Hill Coronet (01-727 6705). Progs 3.15, 5.45, 8.20.
Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 2.15, 5.15, 8.15.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 2.00, 5.00, 8.10.
Screen on the Green (01-226 3520). Progs 3.30, 6.10, 8.35.
Warner West End (01-439 0791). Progs 12.45, 3.20, 5.55, 8.30.

THE LAST TEMPTATION OF CHRIST (18): Martin Scorsese's long, *controversial, stylistically jumbled* version of Nikos Kazantzakis's novel. *With Willem Dafoe as an anguished* Jesus battling between the flesh and the *spirit, Harvey Keitel as Judas, and* Barbara Hershey as Mary Magdalene (163 min).
Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 1.40, 5.15, 8.45.
Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 8861). Progs 12.50, 4.00, 7.30.
Plaza (01-437 1234). Progs 2.15, 5.30, 8.45.

MASQUERADE (18): A film of love and crime starring Rob Lowe, Meg Tilly and Kim Cattrall (91 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 1.55, 4.25, 7.05, 9.40.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.20, 8.35.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.35, 3.55, 6.15, 8.35.

MIDNIGHT RUN (15): Engaging comedy-thriller, with Robert de Niro as a bounty hunter given the job of taking a sensitive bail-jumping accountant cross-country. With Charles Grodin; directed by Martin *Brest (126 min).*
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). *Progs 2.20, 5.10, 8.05.*
Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). *Progs 2.00, 6.15, 9.15.*
Empire Leicester Square (01-200 0200). *Progs* 1.30, 4.00, 6.45, 9.15.

■ ***POLTERGEIST III (15):*** *Routine* reworking of familiar situations, with the late Heather O'Rourke experiencing more poltergeist trouble in a Chicago high rise. Directed by Gary Sherman (97 min).
Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0613). Progs 2.15, 4.50, 7.25.

A WORLD APART (PG): Apartheid through the eyes of a 13-year-old girl (Jodhi May), as her mother is arrested *and imprisoned under the 90-day* detention act (112 min).
Curzon West End (01-439 4805). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.10, 8.50.

ROCK

☆ **RUN DMC/PUBLIC ENEMY:** *Run* DMC have not been on good form lately, but Public *Enemy's It Takes A Nation Of Millions. . .* is dynamite. With Derek B and Pop Will Eat Itself also on the bill, this is *the* hip hop package tour of the year.
Brixton Academy, 211 Stockwell Road, London SW9 (01-326 1022), 7.30pm, £8.50.

☆ **THIN WHITE ROPE:** A brooding, two-guitar band from Davis, California, with *a stark, imaginative quality that is* impossible to describe. An *extraordinary, uplifting experience.*
Dingwalls, Camden Lock, London NW1 (01-267 4967), 8pm, £5.

★ **GARY NUMAN:** A must for the faithful, and doubtless a good-looking show, but the robot man's career seems *to be locked on a course of ever-*diminishing returns.
Astoria, 157 Charing Cross Road, London WC2 (01-437 1801), 7.30pm, *£7.50, for three nights.*

☆ **JULIAN COPE:** The brain-fried leather boy plugging his devilishly catchy single, "Charlotte Anne".
Com Exchange, Wheeler Street, Cambridge (0223 357851), 8pm, £6.

OPERA

★ **TURANDOT:** Andrei Serban's spectacular production back at the Royal Opera with Gwyneth Jones icily resplendent in the title role and Edward Downes conducting.
Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066), 7.30-10.30pm, £2.50-£59.

☆ **LA TRAVIATA:** Fiorella Pediconi leads the cast in Glyndebourne Touring Opera's presentation of the summer's production, now conducted by Graeme Jenkins.
Glyndebourne, Lewes, East Sussex *(0273 541111), 7-10pm,* £10-£20.

★ **LA BOHEME:** *Revival of David* Freeman's controversial production for *North, now with Joan Rodgers as Mimi* and Diego Masson conducting.
Grand Theatre, Leeds (0532 459351), 7.15-9.45pm, £4-£18.75.

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ **FROM BUDAPEST:** The Budapest Wind Ensemble plays Mozart's Serenade K 388, Beethoven's Sextet Op 71 and gives the world premiere of Durko's Octet.
St John's, Smith Sq, London SW1 (01-222 1061), 1-2pm, £3.

☆ **BACH TO JOPLIN:** Sheila Searchfield (flute) and Martin Vishnick (guitar) perform Bach's Gavotte en Rondeau, Maple Leaf Rag by Joplin, a sonata by Handel, a polonaise by Kuffner.
St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Sq, London WC2 (01-839 1930), 1.05-2pm, free.

EVENING

☆ **CONTINUING REVOLUTION:** The "Reluctant Revolutionary" series keeps going with Lothar Zagrosek conducting the BBC SO in Schoenberg's *Begleitmusik zu einer Lichtspielszene, Die glückliche Hand and Moderner Psalm* Op 50c, Brahms's *Schicksalslied,* Alto Rhapsody, *Gesang der Parzen. Brigitte Fassbaender's, Roland* Herman's and the BBC Singers' are *among the voices.*
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.30-9.20pm, £3-£12.

☆ **PERSISTENT WINNER:** Holder of 16 first prizes in Brazilian piano competitions, Cléia Iruzun interprets Chopin's Ballade No 3 and Scherzo No 4, Schubert's Sonata D 664, Schumann's Sonata Op 22, Alberiz's *Evocacion and Triana,* Villa-Lobos's *Impressoes Seresteiras.*
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore St, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £3.-£6.

☆ **SENATOR'S DANCE:** In a *programme titled "Echoes of Jewish* Poland" various artists unite to give the *world premiere of Senator's Dance* Suite, Moskowski's *Vale of Tears,* Wieniawski's *Reverie and Romance.*
St John's, Smith Sq, London SW1 (01-222 1061), 7.30pm, £3.50-£7.50.

☆ **LEVIATHAN'S SONG:** To mark its 25th anniversary, the Salomon Orchestra gives the world premiere of Giles Swayne's *Song of Leviathan,* preceding this with Haydn's Symphony No 99, following it with Richard Strauss's symphonic poem *Ein Heldenleben.* Nicholas Braithwaite conducts.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 *8800), 7.45pm, £4.50-£6.50.*

JAZZ

☆ **FLORA PURIM/AIRTO:** Return, once again, of the popular *Latin-fusion* couple, with material perhaps more suited to a dance venue.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith St, London W1 (01-439 0747), *9.30pm, £10* (members £2).

☆ **WARREN VACHE:** The swing *cornetist was recently in action with* George Wein's Newport All-Stars.
Four Bars Inn, *Castle Street, Cardiff* (0222 374962), 8.30pm, £3.80.

☆ **DON WELLER:** On tour with a quartet including drummer Clark Tracey and pianist Nick Weldon.
The Concorde Club, Stoneham Lane, Eastleigh, Hants (0703 613989), 8pm, £6.

☆ **JAZZ WARRIORS:** An extra London appearance from Courtney Pine's 20-piece band, taking a night off from its Contemporary Music Network schedule.
100 Club, 100 Oxford St, London W1 (01-636 0933), 8pm, £5.

DANCE

☆ **SADLER'S WELLS ROYAL BALLET.** See caption.
Hippodrome, Hurst Street, Birmingham (021 622 7486), 7.30pm, £5-16.

☆ **INVISIBLE LANGUAGES:** A work by New York choreographer Ruby Shang, with Bill T. Jones and Akaji Maro as guest dancers.
ICA Theatre, The Mall, London SW1 (01-930 0493), 8pm.

☆ **GARDEN OF EROS:** New work by Marguerite Porter for London City Ballet, with *Transfigured Night and* dances from *Swan Lake.*
Theatre Royal, Windsor (0753 853888).

GALLERIES

TURNER AT FARNLEY: Watercolours of birds painted at the Yorkshire home of Walter Fawkes, the painter's close friend and patron.
Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 (01-821 7128), Mon-Sat 10am-5.50pm, Sun 2-5.50pm, free, until Dec 11.

THE THOUSAND SHOCKS THAT FLESH IS HEIR TO. . . : Six artists respond in *different media to the human body.*
Ikon Gallery, 58-72 John Bright St, Birmingham (021 643 0708), Tues-Sat 10am-6pm, free, until Nov 12.

MASTERS OF WOOD: Works by seven craftsmen; plus wood block prints by Michael Rothenstein.
Oxford Gallery, 23 High St, Oxford (0865 242731), Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, free, until Nov 8.

JIMMIE DURHAM: An installation called Pocahontas And The Little Carpenter in London.
Matt's Gallery, 10 Martello St, London E8 (01-249 3799), 2-8pm, free, until Oct 19.

DAVID STOVES: Oil paintings of the *Shropshire landscape.*
The Silk Top Hat Gallery, 4 Quality Sq, Ludlow (0584 5363), *Mon-Sat 10am-*5pm (closed Thurs), free, until Oct 31.

CHELSEA CRAFTS FAIR: Mini-shows by over 200 leading makers.
Chelsea Old Town Hall, King's Rd, London SW3 (01-930 4811), Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, £2.50, *until Oct 22.*

WALKS

ST THOMAS BECKET & CHAUCER: *meet St Paul's tube, 11am,* £3.

JEWISH EAST END — ROOTS IN TIMELESS STREETS: meet Aldgate *East tube, 11am,* £3.

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF SHERLOCK HOLMES: *meet* Covent Garden tube, 10.30am, £3 (also next Mon).

THE LONDON OF JACK THE RIPPER: *meet* Whitechapel tube, 7.30pm, £3 (also next Mon).

OTHER EVENTS

SALE OF ORIENTAL MANUSCRIPTS: Richly *illustrated, late-16th century* Shahnama — one of the most popular Persian poetical texts *of the period* — is expected to fetch between £50,000 and £80,000. Many other *beautiful* miniatures, texts and watercolours.
Sotheby's, 34 and 35 *New Bond Street,* London W1 (01-493 8080), 11am.

THE ORIGINS OF THE NEWCASTLE QUAYSIDE: *Major exhibition opening* today which reveals the history of the *area from the 12th century to the* present day as revealed in excavations carried *out between 1984 and 1985.* Facsimiles of 12th century pottery for *sale during the exhibition. Until Oct '89.*
The Museum of Antiquities, The Quadrangle, *University of Newcastle-*Upon-Tyne, Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, free.

RSPB FILM SHOW: Three films — *A Little Owl's Story, Mud Matters* and *Seabird City.*
Taliesin Arts Centre, Swansea, 7.30pm. *Tickets £3-£5.* (Booking and further information 0792 470002).

BOOKSELLERS FAIR: Regular monthly event at this venue with antiquarian and secondhand books for sale.
Hotel Russell, Russell Square, London WC1, *10.30am-7pm.*

NATIONAL GALLERY FILMS: Double bill — Mantegna *The Triumph of Caesar* and Piero della Francesca *The Nativity.*
National Gallery, Lower Floor Theatre, Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (01-839 3321), 1pm, free.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

ROYAL BALLET: Bookings for *Cinderella, with Maria Almeida, David* Bintley, Wayne Eagling, Jonathan Cope, *choreography by Frederick Ashton,* Dec-Jan.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066/1911).

ROYAL OPERA: Booking for new production of *Rigoletto,* with Brent Ellis, John Tomlinson and Elizabeth Bainbridge. Also Semele with Yvonne Kenny and Kathleen Kuhlmann. Dec-Jan.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2. (01-240 1066/1911). Postal booking *from today. Tel/personal* from Nov 1.

NATIONAL YOUTH MUSIC THEATRE: Booking for *The Tailor of Gloucester* based on Beatrix Potter, with music and libretto by Douglas Young; and Les Petits Rats, musical drama based on Paris Opera Ballet school in 1840. Jan 4-28.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916). Phone/courier booking from today.

LAST CHANCE

EMBROIDERIES ON GARDEN THEMES: Over 60 embroideries from 28 British artists, from portraits of real gardens, to topiary hat and coat on *18th-century parterre design. Ends Sat.* Book Department, Liberty, Regent St, *London W1 (01-734 1234).*

THE AGE OF DÜRER AND HOLBEIN: German drawings, 1400-1550, including Dürer studies of nature, Holbein portraits and the rise of the landscape in the work of Altdorfer and Huber. Final week.
British Museum, Great Russell St, London WC1 (01-636 1555).

SCOTLAND AND AUSTRALIA: Exploration of historic links between the *two countries to mark Australia's* bicentennial celebrations. Ends Sat
National Library of Scotland, George IV Bridge, Edinburgh (031 225 4531).

BOND WINNERS

Winning numbers in the weekly Premium Bond prize draw are: **£100,000 24TK 270165** (the winner lives in Bristol); **£50,000 3TB 520070** (Dyfed); **£25,000 10LB 025758** (Swansea).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Clive Davis; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Walks and Talks:** Greta Carslaw; **Other Events:** Judy Froshaug; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse.

TELEVISION TOP 10

National top 10 programmes in the week ending Oct 7:

BBC 1		BBC 2	
1	EastEnders (Thurs/Sun) 17.90m	1	The Deer Hunter 4.95m
2	Bread 15.90m	2	The Settlement 3.30m
3	EastEnders (Tues/Sun) 15.65m	2	Cool It 3.30m
4	Neighbours (Tues 13:30/17:37) 15.60m	4	Red Dwarf 3.15m
5	Neighbours (Wed 13:31/17:36) 15.20m	5	Sunday Grandstand 3.05m
6	Neighbours (Mon 13:30/17:36) 14.90m	5	The Mind Machine 2.85m
7	Neighbours (Thurs 13:30/17:37) 14.40m	6	The Natural World 2.65m
8	Neighbours (Fri 13:31/17:37) 14.30m	8	Top Gear 2.65m
9	'Allo 'Allo 12.65m	8	Gardeners' World (Fri) 2.65m
10	News and Weather (Sat 21:07) 11.40m	10	Reaching For the Skies 2.55m
ITV		**Channel 4**	
1	Coronation Street (Wed) Granada 14.70m	1	Brookside (Wed/Sat) 5.75m
2	Coronation Street (Mon) Granada 14.10m	2	Brookside (Mon/Sat) 5.35m
3	It'll Be Alright on the Night LWT 13.75m	3	Nowhere to Run 4.65m
4	Taggart STV 12.90m	4	The Golden Girls 3.50m
5	Blind Date LWT 12.70m	5	Fifteen-to-One (Wed) 3.20m
6	The Bill Thames 12.45m	6	Fifteen-to-One (Mon) 3.10m
7	*Me & My Girl LWT 12.30m*	7	*The Last Resort 3.05m*
8	Piece of Cake LWT 12.05m	8	Fifteen-to-One (Tues) 2.95m
9	Emmerdale Farm (Wed) Yorkshire 11.90m	9	Fifteen-to-One (Fri) 2.90m
10	Wheel of Fortune STV 11.65m	10	Fifteen-to-One (Thurs) 2.70m

Breakfast television: The average weekly figures for audiences at peak times (with figures in parenthesis showing the reach — the number of people who viewed for at least three minutes): BBC1: Breakfast Time: Mon-Fri 3.1m (15.1) TV-am: Good Morning Britain Mon-Fri 1.7m (10.2m)
Source: Broadcasters' Audience Research Board

WORD-WATCHING

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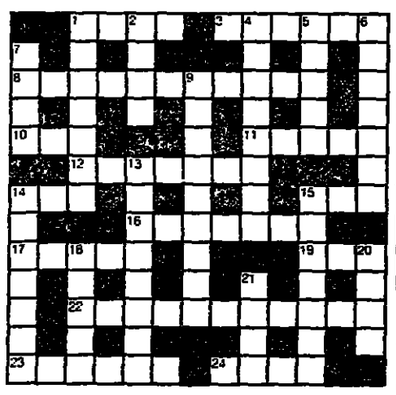
HALITOTIC
(b) **Having bad breath, as in Halitosis Hall, from the Latin *halitus* a breath or exhalation + -*osis*; Burgess: "Enderby was aware of himself as gross, sweating, halitotic, his viscera loaded like a nightsoil-collector's bucket."**

RETTERY
(b) A place where flax is retted, *from the Old East Anglian ret, retten* maybe connected with *rot*: "Gaseous exhalations, which far and near stamp the unpleasant proximity of a rettery."

CATENATION
(c) A chain or series, as in concatenation, from the Latin *catena* a chain: "History is a catenation of disasters, redeemable only (and imperfectly) by the Tragic View."

SUAGE
(c) The aphesis of "assuage" from the Latin *ad-* + *suavis* sweet: "While I am unable to prove he never tossed her a crumb in compassion, or soaged her passion in some other fashion."

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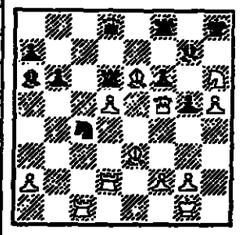


ACROSS
1 Leap (4)
3 Test model (4-2)
8 Modular French architect (2,9)
10 Genetic code molecule (1,1,1)
11 Lazy, sluggish (5)
12 Made great effort (7)
14 Distress call (1,1,1)
15 Possesses (3)
16 Flower petals (7)
17 Sculptured boy (5)
19 Make free (3)
22 Whisky/honey (6,5)
23 Undergo chromosomal change (6)
24 Extremely (4)

DOWN
1 Male donkey (7)
2 German money unit (4)
4 Novel (8)
5 "Lord have mercy" prayer (5)
6 Fool's gold (7)
7 Earth lump (4)
9 General (9)
13 Bullet bounce (8)
14 Plausible misleading argument (7)
15 Accord (7)
18 Tribute (5)
20 Active type (4)
21 French cleric (4)

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



The above position is taken from the game *between Rastjanis* (White) and A Geller (Black), played by *correspondence in* 1983. White plays and wins. The winning move *will be given in* tomorrow's *Times.*

ENTERTAINMENTS

EVENTS

HORSE OF THE YEAR SHOW, Wembley Arena. 01-902 1234. Oct 11-16, afts 1.30pm, eves 7.00pm. *Tickets avail all perfor*mances except Sat eve.

THE PARK LANE ANTIQUES FAIR, Park Lane Hotel, Piccadilly, W1. Tel:01-499 6321. *5-10 October.*

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 cc 240 5258. **ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA** *Tomor* 7.30 *The Barber of Seville. Wed* 7.00 (Last Perfs) **Carusso.**

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 240 1066/1911. Stalby Info 836 6903 S CC *68 amshl seats avail* on the day. Tom'r 7.30 **THE ROYAL OPERA** *Turandot. Tomor* 6.00 Sun Rheingold.

SADLERS WELLS 278 8916 First Call CC 24 hr 7 day 240 7200 **NEW SADLERS WELLS OPERA** LA BELLE HELENE and THE GONDOLIERS From Fri 6 *Nov. Check Box Office for perf* details.

THEATRES

ARTS S 836 2132: CC 379 4444 24 hrs. 7 days (no blg fee) Hull Truck in John Cosher's TEECHERS "TALES OUT OF SCHOOL." The Guardian. "MARVELLOUSLY FUNNY." The Times. Mon-Thur 8, Fri & Sat 6.30 & 9 Snad., U840's. Snr Cits £1.50 off 1 hr before perf.

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

Compiled by Peter Dear and Jane Rackham

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax.
6.35 Leon Errol in *Wrong Room* (b/w). **6.55** Weather.
7.00 Breakfast Time with Kirsty Wark and John Stapleton. Includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**; regional news and travel reports at **7.27, 7.57** and **8.27**.
8.55 Regional News and weather.
9.00 News and weather, followed by **Look Stranger.** Profile of Jane Phillips of the Caricature Theatre (r).
9.30 Sync and Swim. Kay Alexander reports on the activities of the Walsall Club of Aquatic Art.
10.00 News and weather, followed by **The Flintstones** (r).
10.25 Play School (r). **10.50** Playbus is Coming! **10.55** Five to Eleven.
11.00 News and weather, followed by **Arthur Negus Enjoys** Stanway House in Gloucestershire (Ceefax) (r).
11.30 Moment of Truth. How to turn your delinquent dog into an obedient one (r).
12.00 News and weather, followed by **Wild World.** Sea trout and Atlantic salmon (r). **12.55** Regional News and weather.
1.00 One O'Clock News. Weather.
1.30 Neighbours. A happy day for Paul and Gail; but a disastrous one for Scott and Charlene.
1.50 Ironside. The wheelchair-bound detective solves another mystery (r).
2.40 Hudson and Halls. Peter and David demonstrate mouth-watering recipes with the help of Thelma Barlow and a bottle of her home-made wine.
3.05 Bazaar. Money-saving ideas programme.
3.30 Look, Stranger. A village blacksmith on the Norfolk Broads tells the story of a country craftsman who was honoured in the City of London (r).
3.50 Stoppit and Tidyup narrated by Terry Wogan.
4.00 Bertha (r). **4.15** Rupert.
4.20 Defenders of the Earth (Ceefax). **4.40** Beat the Teacher. Quiz game. **4.55** Newsround.
5.05 Blue Peter. Caron Keating reflects on San Francisco's earthquake in 1906 (Ceefax).
5.35 Neighbours (r).
6.00 Six O'Clock News. Weather.
6.35 London Plus reports on the "great storm" one year later.
7.00 Wogan. Tonight's guests are Lord Carrington and Douglas Adams; plus music from Billy Ocean.
7.30 Watchdog.
8.00 Sorry! Final episode of the series and Timothy spends his last day at home before moving out to his new house (Ceefax).
8.30 No Frills. Comedy series starring Kathy Staff as a northern mother who comes to live with her London-based single parent daughter (Ceefax).
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Mike Smartt. Regional news and weather.
9.30 Panorama examines the arguments for and against custodial treatment of young offenders, reviews alternative methods of tackling youth crime and talks to the Shadow Home Secretary, Roy Hattersley, about Labour's ideas on how to stem the rising tide of crime in Thatcher's Britain.
10.10 Miami Vice. The design conscious detectives realize that someone is leaking information on the department's activities; and Tubbs threatens to return to New York.
10.55 Film 88. Among the films reviewed by Barry Norman is the black comedy *A Fish Called Wanda*, starring John Cleese. Plus a report on the new James Bond film, now in production.
11.25 Berliners. Andrew Sachs returns to talk to some of the people who stayed behind when he and his family were forced to leave Berlin in 1938. (revised repeat).
11.50 Weather. Ends **11.55pm.**

BBC2

9.00 Ceefax.
9.40 Daytime on Two.
1.25 The Adventures of Spot (r). **1.30** What's Inside? (r). **1.40** Landmarks (r).
2.00 News and weather, followed by **Words and Pictures.** (r).
2.15 Songs of Praise. (Ceefax) (r).
2.50 Northern Arts. The history of poetry-publishers: Bloodaxe Books.
3.00 News and weather, followed by **See Hear!** (r).
3.30 Off the Course. Champion golfer Arnold Palmer reflects on his career.
3.50 News and weather followed by regional news and weather.
4.00 Dr Kildare. Vintage medical series (r).
4.50 The Happy Medium. Profile of the spiritualist, Doris Stokes (r).
5.30 Macgregor's Scotland. Jimmie follows the Spey River from Craigellachie to Ballindalloch.
6.00 Def II begins with Degrassi Junior High (r). **6.25** Behind the Beat. Producer Michael Walden talks about his work plus an interview with Roxanne Shante and Queen Latifa (r).
7.00 Popeye's Premiere.
7.10 Perfect Strangers. American comedy about two distant cousins who live and work together in Chicago.
7.35 Roy Kinnear — An Actor's Life. Eleanor Bron introduces a celebration of the comedian, who died in Spain last month.
8.05 Reaching for the Skies. Fifth in the series traces the history of aerial warfare and examines the new and horrific dimension that began in 1945 when a B29 bomber dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima (Ceefax).
9.00 Film: Fran (1985). British premiere of an Australian feminist drama starring Noni Hazlehurst as a young mother with an unorthodox life style. Directed by Glenda Hambly.
10.35 Newsnight with Peter Snow and Donald MacCormick.
11.20 Weatherview.
11.25 Nurses. A night in the life of Mike Walsh, Charge Nurse in the Accident and Emergency Department of the Bristol Royal Infirmary. Ends **12.10am.** (Ceefax) (r).

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am begins with News followed by The Morning Programme presented by Richard Keys and Kathy Rochford. **7.00** News and Good Morning Britain introduced by Anne Diamond and Mike Morris. Includes reports from the Conservative Party Conference in Brighton. After Nine includes a recorded interview with Joan Collins.
9.25 Runway. **9.55** Thames News and weather.
10.00 The Time . . . The Place. Mike Scott chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject.
10.40 This Morning includes an item on childcare and how parents can resolve the conflicting needs of family and career; plus helpful hints on getting the best from town gardens. Includes News headlines at **10.55** and Thames news and national weather at **11.55.**
12.10 Let's Pretend to the story of The Busker and the Gorilla (r).
12.30 A Country Practice.
1.00 ITN News at One.
1.20 Thames News and weather.
1.30 Film: Up in Arms (1944). Danny Kaye stars in a musical comedy about a hypochondriac who is drafted into the army with disastrous results for both the Japanese and the Americans. Directed by Elliott Nugent.
3.25 Thames News and weather.
3.30 The Young Doctors. Medical drama series set in a large Australian city hospital.
4.00 Jim Henson Presents: Mother Goose Stories. Hey Diddle Diddle. **4.10** Tube Mice. Animated series. **4.20** The Real Ghostbusters.
4.45 Knightmare. Adventure game series.
5.15 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz game.
5.45 ITN News (Oracle).
6.00 Thames News and weather.
6.30 Reporting London examines whether Britain's trees are being poisoned by acid rain.
7.00 The Krypton Factor. Brain and brawn competition presented by Gordon Burns (Oracle).
7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle).
8.00 The Benny Hill Show. Comedy from the master of innuendo and saucy scripts.
8.30 World in Action. Eighteen months after the Zeebrugge tragedy an examination of why Britain's roll on/roll off ferries are still vulnerable to capsize and a report on a safety modification which would prevent the accumulation of water in the vehicle deck if there was a collision and yet put only a few pence on the cost of a ticket.
9.00 Game, Set and Match. Continuing the 13-part adaptation of Len Deighton's spy trilogy. MI6 agent Bernard (Ian Holm) has been brought out of his backwater desk job and sent to Berlin to track down a suspected traitor (Oracle).
10.00 News at Ten. **10.30** Thames News and weather.
10.35 Magnum. The private eye investigates some tragic accidents in Inky Gilbert's Travelling Carnival. With Tom Selleck.
11.30 Superbowl introduced by Elton Welsby. The 1985 champion, Noel Burrows, meets Scotland's Willie Wood.
12.30 Sportsworld Extra. Tony Francis presents action from the World Superbike Championship, boxing highlights and a round-up of the weekend's football.
2.00 News and weather, followed by Film: The Thing (1982). TV version of John Carpenter's remake of the Fifties sci-fi classic about a prehistoric creature who terrorizes the scientists at their Antarctic camp. With Kurt Russell and lots of special effects.
4.00 News and weather, followed by 60 Minutes. Investigations and interviews from the United States.
5.00 ITN Morning News with Gavin Scott. Ends **5.00am.**

CHANNEL 4

9.30 Schools. Environments **9.47** Seeing and Doing **10.04** Science — Start Here **10.21** Maths is Fun **10.33** The English Programme **11.00** Your Living Body **11.17** Stop, Look, Listen **11.19** Take a Good Look **11.29** Time for a Story **11.41** Science and Technology.
12.00 Sesame Street. Pre-school learning series.
12.30 Business Daily. Financial and business news service.
1.00 Make It Count. Open College elementary arithmetic series (Oracle) (r).
1.30 Write On. Improving writing skills (Oracle) (r).
2.00 Film: A Royal Scandal (1945, b/w). Otto Preminger's historical romance centred on Catherine the Great (Tallulah Bankhead) and the dashing young lieutenant (William Eythe) she falls in love with.
3.45 Years Ahead. The topical magazine series for the older viewer explores the joys of the countryside in Wales and in Norfolk.
4.30 Fifteen-to-One.
5.00 The Late Late Show. Dublin's music and chat show.
6.00 The Munsters (b/w). Vintage American comedy series.
6.30 Take Six Cooks. Peter Kromberg of London's Hotel Intercontinental prepares the vegetables (r).
7.00 Channel 4 News followed by weather (Oracle).
8.00 Brookside. (Oracle).
8.30 Film: A Shining Season (1979). Made-for-television drama based on the true story of athlete John Baker (Timothy Bottoms) who is taken ill while practising for the Olympic Games and discovers he has terminal cancer. Directed by Stuart Margolin.
10.20 The Oprah Winfrey Show. American talk show takes a light-hearted look at slobs and perfectionists and the problems they can cause their spouses.
11.10 The Eleventh Hour: Europe After the Rain. (see Choice).
12.50 Network 7 includes a report from Japan, and a look at London Fashion Week (r). Ends **2.50am.**

Surrealism explained

TELEVISION CHOICE



Le Sommeil, by Salvador Dali. The mysteries of surrealism are explained in in *Europe After The Rain* (Channel 4, 11.00pm)

● Made some years ago for the Arts Council, but new to television, Europe After the Rain (Channel 4, 11.00pm) belongs to the category of trying to attempt the impossible. It is a history of Dada and Surrealism, those twin assaults on the forms and conventions of traditional art which emerged from the carnage of the First World War and went on to find popular expression in *The Goon Show* and *Monty Python's Flying Circus*. Mick Gold's film does its best to clarify and classify, and adduces the evidence of paintings, poems, collages and manifestos interspersed with the pronouncements of the gurus, such as Salvador Dali's "I am not a surrealist, I am Surrealism". The broad point is made that while Dada set out to destroy the real, Surrealism pushed reality into new and often revealing directions. But neither movement yields to precise definition and perhaps the film does right to illustrate rather than explain. It is a hectic journey through a torrent of words and images, few of them held long enough to be comfortably digested. *Europe After the Rain* also commits the frequent sin of arts documentaries: homing the camera into a detail of a painting and restlessly moving around the canvas, without ever letting us contemplate the work as a whole. Given the nature of the subject there are plenty of gems, not least a 1968 television interview between the Dada veteran Marcel Duchamp and Joan Bakewell. Sporting the shortest of miniskirts, Ms Bakewell tries valiantly to pin the old boy down and get him to pronounce that art is finally dead. But the canny old iconoclast is not going to be caught that easily.

Peter Waymark

Radio 1

RADIO 1
VHF stereo and **MW** (medium wave)
News on the half-hour from **6.30am** until **8.30pm**, then at **10.30** and **12.30am**
5.30 Adrian John **7.00** Simon Mayo **9.30** Mark Goodier **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.30** The Chart Quiz **8.00** The Beeb's Lost Beatles Tapes **8.30** John Peel **10.30** Nicky Campbell **12.30-2.00am** Richard Skinner.

Radio 2

VHF stereo and **MW** (medium wave)
News on the hour
4.00 Steve Madden **5.30** Chris Stuart **7.30** Derek Jameson **8.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05** David Jacobs **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Alan Dell **8.30** Big Band Special **9.00** Humphrey Lyttelton **10.00** The Unfair Quiz. New series in which John Junkin puts impossible questions to Billy Tidy, Jeffrey Holland, Phil Nice and Arthur Smith **10.30** The Good Human Guide **11.00** Round Midnight **1.00** Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

7.00 World News **7.09** 24 Hours: News Summary **7.30** Latin Americans **8.00** World News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** Malgudi Days **8.30** Anything Goes **9.00** World News **9.09** Review of the British Press **9.15** Good Books **9.30** Financial News **9.36** Sport **9.45** Peebles' Choice **10.00** News **10.01** A Green and Pleasant Land **10.30** The Vintage Chart Show **11.00** News **11.15** Tech Talk **11.30** Londres Mid **12.00** Radio Newsreel **12.15** Raffles **12.45** Sport **1.00** News **1.30** Anything Goes **2.00** Outlook **2.45** A Cocoa of Verse **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** A Green and Pleasant Land **3.45** English Songsmiths **4.00** World News **4.09** News about Britain **4.15** Americans in Europe **4.30** Lyrics and Lyricists **4.45** The World Today **5.00** World News **5.09** Commentary **5.15** English by Radio **5.45** Londres Soir **6.30** Haute Alcuell **7.00** German programmes **8.00** World News **8.09** 24 Hours **8.30** Sports International **9.00** News Summary **9.01** Network UK **9.15** Language Extra **9.30** The Vintage Chart Show **10.00** World News **10.09** The World Today **10.30** Financial News **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** World News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** Mastering Photography **11.30** Multitrack 1 **12.00** News **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** New Music **1.00** News Summary **1.01** Outlook **1.30** Short Story **1.45** Language Extra **2.00** World News **2.09** Review of the British Press **2.15** Network UK **2.30** Sports International **3.00** World News **3.09** News about Britain **3.15** The World Today **3.30** John Peel **4.00** Newsdesk **4.30** The World Today **4.45** Morgenmagazin: German News and Magazine **5.45** 648 News **5.55** Financial News **6.00** World News and 24 Hours **6.30** Londres Matin

Radio 3

6.55 Weather
7.00 Morning Concert: Rossini: Overture, The Silken Ladder (Philharmonia conducted by Carlo Maria Guilini); Mozart: Bassoon Concerto in B flat (Royal Philharmonic Orchestra under Thomas Beecham with Gwydion Brooke, bassoon); Beethoven: Symphony No 1 in C (Vienna Philharmonic under Leonard Bernstein); Schubert: Adagio and Rondo Concertante in F (Melos Ensemble); Elgar: Elegy; Sospri (New Philharmonia under John Barbirolli)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week. Handel: Lascia ch'io pianga (La Grande Ecurie at La Chambre Du Roy under Jean-Claude Malgoire); Concerto Grosso in G, Op 3, No 3 (English Concert under Trevor Pinnock); Ode for the Birthday of Queen Anne (Choir of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, and the Academy of Ancient Music under Simon Preston with Judith Nelson, soprano, Shirley Minty, contralto, James Bowman, counter-tenor, Martyn Hill, tenor, and David Thomas, bass); Water Music: Suite No 3 in G (English Baroque Soloists under John Eliot Gardiner)
9.35 Franck and Two Members of His Circle: Ropartz: Prélude, marine et chansons (Melos Ensemble); Duparc: Testament, Phidylé (Gérard Souzay, baritone, Dalton Baldwin, piano); Franck Le Chasseur maudit (Paris Orchestra under Daniel Barenboim)
10.15 Schumann and Brahms, played by Yefim Bronfman at the piano. Schumann: Faschingsschwank aus Wien, Op 26; Brahms: Variations and fugue on a theme by Handel, Op 24 (r)
11.05 City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, under Simon Rattle, and the CBSO chorus, with Heinz Holliger, oboe, and Ursula Holliger, harp. Berlioz: Overture to The Corsair; Martin: Three Dances for Oboe, harp and strings; Mozart: Oboe concerto; Ravel: Daphnis and Chloë
1.00 News
1.05 BBC Lunchtime Concert. The Budapest Wind Ensemble, live from St Smith's Square, London. Beethoven: Sextet in E flat, Op 71; Zsolt Durko: Octet (first performance); Mozart: Serenade in C minor (K388)
2.00 Music Weekly. Presented by Michael Oliver. Clive Brown and John Holloway discuss the different interpretations of Beethoven string quartets; The soprano Mitsuko Shirai and her husband and accompanist Hartmut Holl talk about their musical partnership
2.45 Schubert. Die schöne Müllerin (D275). Olaf Bär, baritone, and Geoffrey Parsons, piano (r)
3.55 BBC Philharmonic Orchestra under Jacques Van Steen. Stravinsky: Le Chant du rossignol; Sibelius: Symphony No 4 in A minor
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure. Eric Hancock presents a selection of memorable film music
6.30 Music for Organ. Timothy Albrecht plays: Gigout: Toccata in B minor; Brian Schober: Toccatas and Fantasias 4, 5; Samuel Adler: Toccata, Recitation and Postlude; Wildor: Toccata (Symphony No 5)
7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear. Michael Billington talks to Don Taylor, author of the Radio 4 play based on the English civil war, *God's Revolution*
7.30 Brahms and Schoenberg, performed by the BBC Symphony Orchestra, under Lothar Zagrosek, and the BBC Singers, chorusmaster Gareth Morrell, live from the Royal Festival Hall. Brahms: Song of Destiny, Alto Rhapsody, Song of the Fates; Schoenberg: Accompaniment to a Film scene, Die glückliche Hand, Modern Psalm (Brigitte Fassbaender, mezzo soprano, and Roland Hermann, baritone). Part of the cycle *The Reluctant Revolutionary* at the South Bank Centre, London. During the interval (approximately 8.15) Kyla Greenbaum looks at the background to Due glückliche Hand
9.20 In Search of Rembrandt (see Choice)
10.05 Garrick Ohlsson at the piano. Haydn: Sonata in B minor; Beethoven: Sonata in A, Op 2, No 2
11.00 Composers of the Week: Saint-Saëns: Septet in E flat, La Francée du timbalier, Piano concerto No 2 in G minor
12.00 News
12.05 am Wolf 88. Der Feuerreiter, performed by Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau, baritone, and Daniel Barenboim, piano

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES: 5.35pm-7.00 Wales Today **11.50-11.55** News of Wales Headlines and closedown **SCOTLAND:** 10.50am-11.00 Seall Seo! **6.35pm-7.00** Reporting Scotland **7.30-8.00** Hi de Hi **NORTHERN IRELAND:** 5.35pm Today's Sport **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster **6.35** Neighbours **6.58-7.00** Inside Ulster Update **ENGLAND:** 6.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazines

ANGLIA As London except:12.30pm-1.00 Sullivans **1.20** News **1.30-3.30** Film: The Mudlark" **6.00** About Anglia **6.30-7.00** Survival **10.35-11.30** Prisoner Cell Block H **2.00am** The Fugitive **3.10** Pick of the Week **3.40** 60 Minutes **4.30-5.00** Night Beat.

BORDER As London except:12.30pm-1.00 Bygones **1.30** Superbowl **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00** Lookaround **6.30-7.00** Take the High Road **10.35-11.35** Falcon Crest **1.30am** Film: At the Earth's Core **2.15** Sportsweek **3.10** Pick of the Week **3.40** 60 Minutes **4.30-5.00** Night Beat.

CENTRAL As London except:12.35pm-1.00 Young Doctors **1.20** News **1.30** Film: Ransom Money **3.00** Focus **3.30-4.00** Hot Property **6.00** News **6.35-7.00** Heart of the Country **10.35-11.30** Prisoner Cell Block H **12.30am** Film: At the Earth's Core **2.15** Sportsweek **3.10** 60 Minutes **4.05** Survival **4.30-5.00** Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except:1.20pm News **1.30-3.30** Film: Doctor at Large **6.00** Channel Report **6.30-7.00** Wildebout **10.35** Face to Face **11.15** Film: 100 Rifles **1.15am** Supercross **1.45** Superbowl **2.45** Music Box **3.10** Pick of the Week **3.40** 60 Minutes **4.30-5.00** Night Beat.

GRAMPIAN As London except:12.20pm-1.00 Sullivans **1.20** News **1.30-2.30** Superbowl **6.00** North Tonight **6.30-7.00** Take the High Road **10.35-11.30** Prisoner Cell Block H **12.30am** Film: At the Earth's Core **2.15** Sportsweek **3.10** Pick of the Week **3.40** 60 Minutes **4.30-5.00** Night Beat.

GRANADA As London except:12.30pm-1.00 Sullivans **1.20** News **1.30** Superbowl **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00** Granada Reports **6.30-7.00** Flying Start **10.35-11.00** Prisoner Cell Block H **12.30am** Film: At the Earth's Core **2.15** Sportsweek **3.00** Pick of the Week **3.40** 60 Minutes **4.30-5.00** Night Beat.

HTV WEST As London except:12.20pm-1.00 Sullivans **1.20** News **1.30-3.30** Film: The Liquidator **6.00-7.00** News **10.35** West in Trust **11.05-11.30** Lifestyles **12.30am** First Exposure **1.00-2.00** Sportsworld **4.00** Longest River **4.30-5.00** For the Honour of their Country.

HTV WALES As HTV West except:5.00pm-7.00 Wales at Six **10.35-11.30** Ian Woosnam.

SCOTTISH As London except:12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Times **1.20** News **1.30** Film: Black Tulip **3.30-4.00** Struggle Beneath the Sea **6.00** Scotland Today **6.30-7.00** Bless This House **10.35-11.30** Prisoner Cell Block H **12.30am** Film: At the Earth's Core **2.15** Sportsweek **3.10** Pick of the Week **3.40** 60 Minutes **4.30-5.00** Night Beat.

TSW As London except:1.20pm News **1.30-3.30** Film: You Must Be Joking **6.00** Today **6.30-7.00** Wild About the West **10.35-11.30** Prisoner Cell Block H **12.30am** Film: At the Earth's Core **2.15** Sportsweek **3.10** Pick of the Week **3.40** 60 Minutes **4.30-5.00** Night Beat.

TVS As London except:1.20pm News **1.30-3.30** Film: Doctor at Large **6.00** Coast to Coast **6.30-7.00** Country Ways **10.35** Head to Head **11.15** Film: 100 Rifles **1.15** Supercross **1.45** Superbowl **2.45** Robert Palmer **3.10** Pick of the Week **3.40** 60 Minutes **4.30-5.00** Night Beat.

TYNE TEES As London except:12.20pm-1.00 Santa Barbara **1.20** News **1.30-3.30** Film: Doctor in Love **6.00-7.00** Northern Life **10.35** Looking for the Right One **11.15-11.20** Twilight Zone **12.30am** Film: At the Earth's Core **2.15** Sportsweek **3.10** Pick of the Week **3.40** 60 Minutes **4.30-5.00** UK Top 10.

ULSTER As London except:12.20pm-1.00 Sons and Daughters **1.20** News **1.30-3.30** Superbowl **6.00** Six Tonight **6.30-7.00** Ask Anne **10.35-11.35** Ulster Hall Concert **12.30am** Film: At the Earth's Core **2.15** Sportsweek **3.10** Pick of the Week **3.40** 60 Minutes **4.30-5.00** Night Beat.

YORKSHIRE As London except:12.30pm-1.00 Young Doctors **1.20** News **1.35** Film: Vengeance of She **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00** Calendar **6.30-7.00** Calender Fashion **10.35** Calendar Commentary **11.05-11.30** Invitation to Remember **12.30am** Football **1.30** Eric Clapton Live **2.30** Throb **3.00** Music Box **4.00** About Britain **4.30-5.00** Jobfinder.

S4C Starts:3.30pm Schools **12.10pm** Pobol **12.30** News **12.35** Llanwsu Dydd Llun **1.00** Make It Count **1.30** Write On **2.00** Fifteen to One **2.30** Hot House People **3.30** Space on Earth **4.00** Listening Eye **4.30** Munsters' **5.00** Late Late Show **6.00** News **6.15** Superted **6.40** Pobol **7.00** Dwy Ran O Dair **7.45** Sgoro **8.30** News **8.55** Byd ar Badiar **9.30** Generations **10.00** Media Show **11.10** Eleventh Hour **12.50am** Network **7 2.50** Closedown.

RTE 1 Starts:2.30pm Ancient Art of Cookery **3.00** Live at Three **4.00** Emmerdale Farm **4.30** Brideshead Revisited **5.30** A Country Practice **6.00** Six-One **7.00** Number 1 **7.30** A Taste of Ireland **8.00** Stingray **9.00** News **9.30** Cagney and Lacey **10.25** Hanly's People **10.35** Down the Tube **11.30** News, Closedown.

RTE 2 Starts:2.30pm Bosco **3.00** Smurfs **3.30** Ballebeag **3.49** Fabulous Fleischer Folio **3.50** Quentin's Magic Show **4.05** Heidi **4.30** Happy Birthday **4.45** Catweazle **5.25** Wonderstruck **6.00** Jo-Maxi **6.30** Home and Away **7.00** Nuacht **7.30** Coronation Street **8.00** News Headlines **9.00** Spittin' Image **9.30** Forum Presents **10.30** News **10.50** Film: Chase **12.35am** Closedown.

Radio 4

5.55 Shipping forecast
6.00 News and weather **6.10** Farming today **6.25** Prayer for the day (s)
6.30 Today with news at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30. Weather at 6.55 and 7.55
8.35 The Week On 4. Brian Perkins looks ahead at what the week has to offer
8.42 Phil Smith presents his selection from the BBC sound archives
8.55 Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats. Max Wall reads Gus: The Theatre Cat, part of the T. S. Eliot centenary celebration
9.00 News
9.15 Start The Week. Melvyn Bragg and his guests
10.00 News, followed by Money Box. Louise Botting looks at the 1988-89 Unit Trust Managers Portfolio. Leading fund managers predict where the best place for your money will be during the coming year
10.30 Morning Story. Mother Will Be Pleased, by Ted Moore
10.45 Daily Service, from the Metropolitan Cathedral Church of St Chad, Birmingham
11.00 News and Travel; Down Your Way. James Anderton, chief constable of Greater Manchester, visits his home town, Wigan, and discovers a passion for minibeils
11.50 Poetry Please! Listeners requests presented by Andrew Motion. Poems read by Andrew Sachs and Barbara Jefford
12.00 News; You and Yours, presented by John Howard
12.25 Counterpoint. Ned Sherrin referees as retired lecturer Cecil Gleaves, clerical worker Reginald Goff and civil servant Peter Ratcliffe compete in this musical knowledge quiz
12.55 Weather
1.00 The World At One.
1.40 The Archers. Repeat of Friday evening's episode with Dame Edna Everage
1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News: Woman's Hour, presented by Jenni Murray.
3.00 News: A Man Flourishing. Play by Sam Hanna Bell. A divinity student, James Gault, returns from Glasgow to join a company of United Irishmen during the winter of 1798. John Hewitt is Gault, Brenda Winter plays Kate (s)
4.30 Kaleidoscope. Colin Nears considers the legacy of Sir Frederick Ashton, who died earlier this year. Includes an interview with Ninette de Valois, who co-founded the Royal Ballet with Ashton, and his biographer, David Vaughan
5.00 PM
5.55 Weather
6.00 News and Financial Report
6.30 Radio Fun. Russell Davies reaches the 1980s in his look at radio comedy
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers. All the latest news from the residents of Ambridge
7.20 My Heroes. Cliff Morgan talks to writer, actor, journalist and barrister Ulick O'Connor (s)
7.45 Science Now. Peter Evans and a team of experts answer questions posed by visitors to the BBC Radio Show
8.15 Heart of England. Play by Sheila Yeger. Hartingford village appears to uphold all the values that England holds dear — until closer examination shows all is not well. John Hollis plays Harry Jackson, John Rowe the reverand Anderson (s)
9.45 Kaleidoscope. Includes a review of the John Cleese film, *A Fish Named Wanda*, a look at the new Douglas Adams book *The Long Dark Tea-Time of the Soul*, and *The Reluctant Revolutionary* cycle of Schoenberg works on the South Bank Centre
10.15 A Book At Bedtime. White Boy Running, by Christopher Hope. A childhood in South Africa
10.29 Weather
10.30 The World Tonight
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Today in Parliament
11.45 Time to Talk. Harry Soan reflects on 40 years as an occasional broadcaster
12.00 News and Weather
12.33 Shipping Forecast
VHF as above except:
11.00-12.00 For Schools. **11.00** Contact **11.15** Publications Review **11.20** Let's Move! (s) **11.40** The Music Box (s) **11.50** See For Yourself (s) **1.55-3.00pm** For Schools 1.55 Listening Corner (s) **2.05** Playtime (s) **2.20** Science Scope (s) **2.40** Whilgig **5.50-5.55** PM continued **11.30-12.10am** Open University: Open Forum. Results of the Writing for Radio competition **12.30-1.10** Schools night-time: History: GCSE assignments (s)

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RADIO CHOICE



Rembrandt: a portrait for radio (R3,9.20pm)

● **In Search of Rembrandt** (Radio 3, 9.20pm), an inquiry into the authenticity of the paintings and into what is known of the man, starts as something of a demolition job. To writer Joseph Heller, everything about Rembrandt is banal except his genius. Contemporary documents reflect a man who was cold, calculating, and nasty. As for the authenticity of his works, there is no let-up in research projects. In *Radio Times*, but not in tonight's programme, Rembrandt is described by John Jacob, curator of the Iveagh Bequest, as "a cantankerous old so-and-so". If true, what wouldn't we give to study the expression on that famous face when told that America researchers are using neutron activation autoradiography, linked to an atomic reactor, to find out whether he painted his pictures or not. Jacob's is one of two voices tonight who look beyond the authenticity issue and refuse to reduce Rembrandt to his autographic *oeuvre*. They also hear his voice in the "tribe" they name after him. In this search for Rembrandt I'd say they come closest to finding him.

Peter Davalle

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British firm pioneers drug test to detect brain disease

By Robert Matthews, Technology Correspondent

A British medical research company is about to begin clinical trials of the world's first chemical test for Alzheimer's disease, a brain disorder that leads to senility.

Until now diagnosis of the disorder, which affects 250,000 in Britain, has relied on subjective assessments by doctors of the mental capacities of patients.

Recent breakthroughs in the understanding of the chemical basis of Alzheimer's disease has opened up the possibility of developing chemicals which home in on tell-tale changes in the brain signalling the onset of the disease.

Senetek, a British company whose chairman is Professor Sir Hans Kornberg, the Cambridge biochemist, is about to begin trials of a genetically-engineered compound that can detect the levels of so-called "paired helical filaments" (PHFs) in the cerebrospinal fluid of patients.

Research has shown that large amounts of PHFs build up in brains affected by Alzheimer's disease, forming dense tangles that seriously disrupt the behaviour of the memory and other parts of the brain.

Senetek has been collaborating with the US Institute for Basic Research into Developmental Disabilities in New York on the construction of the PHF detector.

The company is now starting trials in Europe, including the UK, and the first results are expected by early next year.

Dr Nick Coppard, director of research at the company, said that a chemical test opens up the prospect of early diagnosis of the disease. This will become vital should a cure be found. He said that scientists were becoming increasingly excited about the potential of a drug called THA to help combat Alzheimer's disease.

The brains of Alzheimer patients have lower than normal levels of a chemical that enables brain cells to communicate with one another. THA appears to block the action of an enzyme in the brain that destroys this chemical.

In small tests using the drug in the US, some patients showed considerable improvement in their condition.

"We've got the correlation between PHFs and Alzheimer's disease quite well pinned down now", Dr Coppard said. "The question is how quickly we can catch the disease".

Latvians celebrate new 'nationalism'

From A Correspondent, Moscow

Latvians celebrated the founding of the second "nationalist" movement in the three Baltic republics yesterday with demands for more independence from Moscow and with the first Lutheran service to be held in Riga's Domkirk Cathedral for three decades.

However, the two-day congress of the Latvian Popular Front and demands for greater economic and political autonomy and a halt to the Moscow-encouraged immigration of non-Latvians into the tiny republic, fell well within Kremlin policies.

The formation of the Latvian Front follows the founding of a similiar nationalist-oriented movement in Estonia last week and precedes the October 22 founding congress of the Lithuanian Movement for Perestroika.

All three movements have their roots in the intense nationalism that has swept the Baltic states and has found an expression in President Gorbachov's policy of *glasnost*.

The so-called popular fronts that have been founded in the three Baltic states have been heavily co-opted by the Government and the Communist Party and include members of the party. The founding congress in Riga, for instance, was addressed on Saturday by the party leader, Mr Jan Vagris, who backed calls for greater economic independence and a slow-down in the pace of non-Latvian immigration.

However, his demands fell within established Kremlin policy and were short of nationalist demands for an end to political and policy dependence on Moscow and in some cases independence or secession from the Soviet Union.

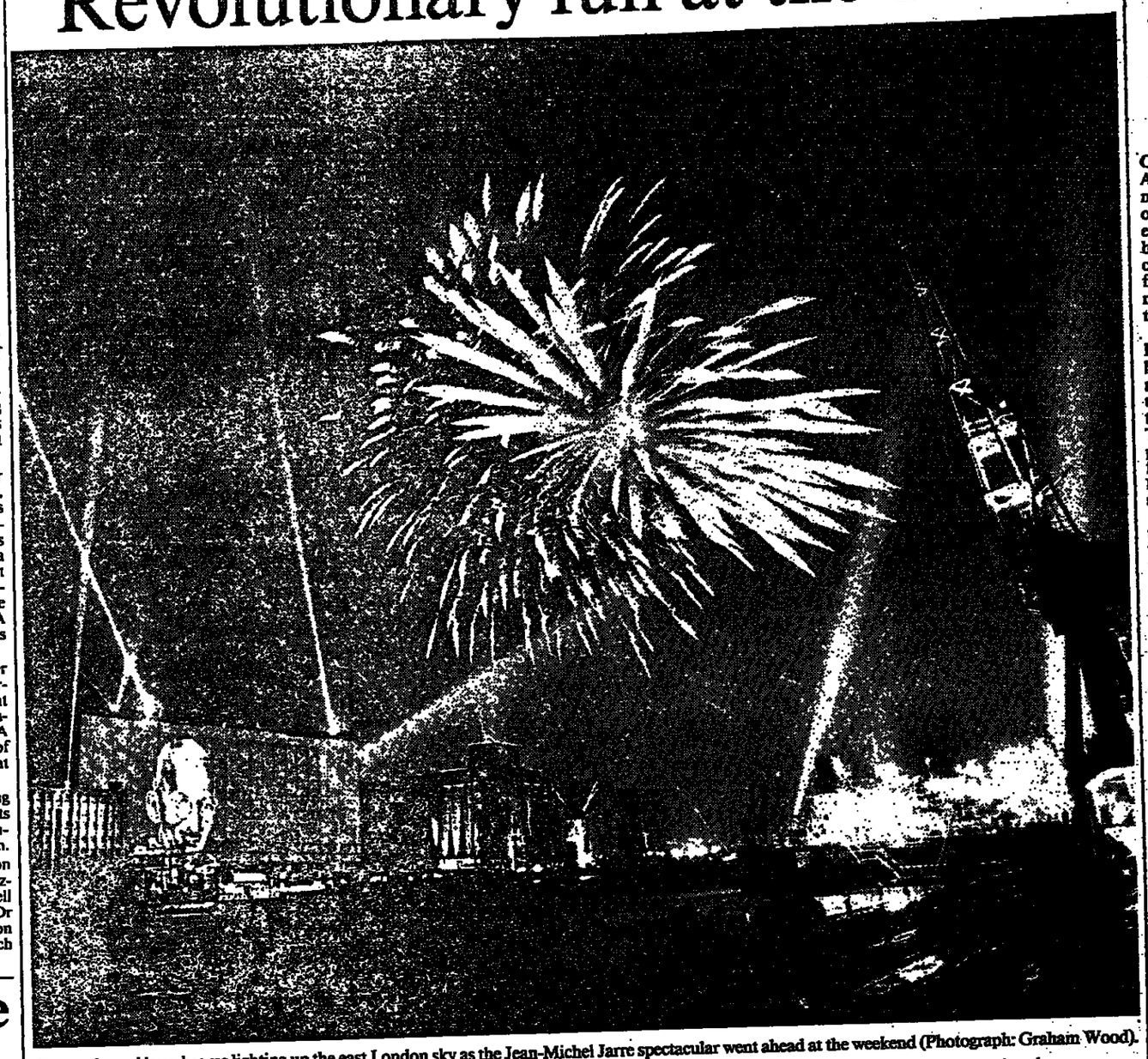
When first mooted, the three movements seemed to be much more nationalistic and radical in character.

To appease the movements the soviets, or parliaments, in the states are permitting nationalist flags to be flown on local holidays.

The three republics were annexed by the Soviet Union in 1940 under a secret treaty with Nazi Germany that led to the German invasion of Poland and the start of the Second World War in 1939. Many Western countries do not recognize the republics as part of Soviet Union.

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Revolutionary fun at the docks



Fireworks and laser beams lighting up the east London sky as the Jean-Michel Jarre spectacular went ahead at the weekend (Photograph: Graham Wood).

By Andrew Billen
Arts Correspondent

The Princess of Wales was joining 70,000 other pop music fans last night as the second of Jean-Michel Jarre's controversial rock and laser concerts gave London's docklands an evening it is unlikely to forget.

Months of concern over crowd safety, which led to an earlier postponement of the concerts, persisted until the final hours, Newham Council finally giving its go-ahead to Saturday's extravaganza at the Royal Victoria Dock only 90 minutes before it was due to start.

At 3 o'clock on Sunday morning council officials were complaining afresh that assurances about crowd density had been broken.

But with only 22 arrests for public order offences by early yesterday morning, and traffic jams less lengthy than had been feared, organizers were jubilantly claiming that they had been vindicated.

Although last night's concert attracted 30,000 fewer than Saturday's, the event was received in rapture by much of the audience, particularly the musician's French fans, thousands of whom crossed the Channel especially for the concerts.

However, other concert-goers complained of too few lasers, over-long pauses between acts and the banality of many of the images projected on to the south side of the dock.

Many arrived late blaming inadequate signposting, while on Saturday others became convinced that a speaker went dead for 20 minutes during the two-hour performance.

Technicians replied that computer read-outs proved there had been no sound failure and blamed high winds for poor quality in parts of the makeshift auditorium.

Gentler winds last night allowed a giant floating stage made up of 12 barges welded together to float from the south to the north side of the dock at the start of the concert. On Saturday the stage was anchored to the north side. Organizers yesterday disputed a claim that a choir of 100 local people, many of them children, had been neither paid nor thanked for their contribution on board the stage.

A spokeswoman said: "Jean-Michel is donating thousands of pounds of equipment to the Newham Academy of Music, which put together the choir, and is converting a local warehouse into a music room.

"If that is not thanks, I do not know what is."

M Jarre has other reasons to thank Newham. His new album, *Revolutions*, from which most of last night's concert was drawn, has shot to the top the of British album charts.

Jakarta says shot Briton ignored police order

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area. Irian Jaya, which was a Dutch colony before Indonesia took it over, is the subject of a separatist dispute. Any foreigner arriving without permission was bound to be regarded with suspicion.

Mr Blenkinsop and Miss Mist were sent in their boat to the nearest immigration point, accompanied by an escort. But Mr Blenkinsop, according to the sources, tried to steer the boat away, apparently with the intention of resuming their voyage to Australia. A civil guard officer accompanying them fired a shot and Mr Blenkinsop fell overboard. While it was a serious incident, the sources felt there was fault on both sides.

Miss Mist was subsequently seen at a local hospital by a British official who escorted her to Jakarta, the Indonesian capital on the island of Java.

Mr Blenkinsop's body has not been found. His father yesterday accused the Indonesian Government of failing to make a search and ignoring an offer of an aircraft from Australia. The Indonesian Government said it had no planes available.

Mr Blenkinsop also disclosed that he only learnt of his son's fate from the British Embassy in Jakarta 14 days after the shooting. Whitehall sources said that this was because a British official had to travel 2,500 miles to discover what had happened.

Mrs Blenkinsop added: "From our recent experience with the local Indonesian authorities it is impossible to get any decisions or answers. We therefore want this matter taken up at the highest levels possible by Mrs Thatcher and the Australian Prime Minister. We have lost a dear son."

The Indonesian Government, in a brief communiqué issued by its Foreign Affairs Department in Jakarta at the weekend, said Mr Blenkinsop had been shot after he had refused to co-operate with police. The communiqué was the first official admission by Indonesia of its role in the incident.

Mr Bob Hawke, the Australian Prime Minister, has already asked for an official explanation from the Indonesian authorities but the communiqué is the only response so far.

The Department of Foreign Affairs in Canberra said last night that it was making a priority investigation into the incident.

Algerian military hardens stance

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Aurassi Hotel here to determine the cause of heavy bursts of machine-gun fire apparently directed at residents breaching the strict 10pm curfew, tracer bullets were fired over our heads from a nearby position as a warning that we should remain inside.

Yesterday afternoon, an ITN crew was held for four hours and its film and equipment confiscated when it attempted to take pictures of tanks in the centre of Algiers. The Government has been providing its own footage to foreign television companies, but this has presented a greatly sanitized view of events.

The Army's policy of shoot-to-kill has been backed with the presence of more than 100 tanks in the capital alone.

Despite the military presence, there have been frequent shooting incidents as crowds gathered and continued to build barricades and start fires. Security around the main institutions is in the hands of crack Algerian commandos. But foreign observers have raised doubts about the loyalty of conscripts, who may be called to fire on demonstrators protesting against food shortages and lack of jobs. Many foreigners have fled the capital, but others are still prevented from leaving by the lack of flights.

The claustrophic streets of the city grow particularly eerie as curfew hour approaches and sporadic clashes between protesters and the Army increase.

Anti-Chadli slogans have begun to appear on walls in the poorer sections of the capital, and a previously unknown organization, the People's Movement for Algerian Renewal, has issued a communiqué calling for the dissolution of the one legalized party, the ruling National Liberation Front.

The group, which is understood to have Islamic links, referred to Algeria's "economic and social debacle", and called for the revision of the Constitution.

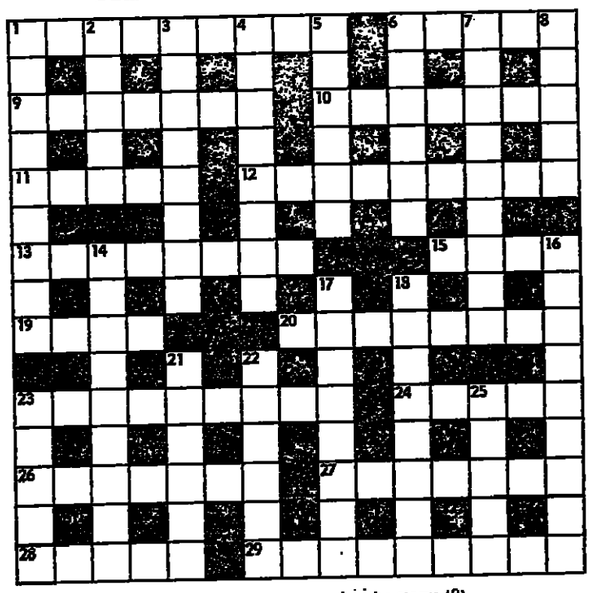
By last night, the Government had made no attempt to respond to the uprising beyond employing the severest variety of military repression. Foreign observers were dubious that this could work in the long run without being combined with new measures to alleviate hardships.

Shortages have worsened because the recent unrest has disrupted transport and distribution.

● **PARIS:** Several hundred Algerians staged demonstrations in Paris yesterday, calling for the removal of President Chadli and the installation of a democracy in the country (Susan MacDonald writes).

Algerians shouting "Chadli assassin" congregated in the Place de la Bastille before descending into the Metro in an effort to thwart police and try to reach the Algerian Embassy. But the building was blocked off by riot police.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,796



ACROSS

1 A neighbourly invitation to wake up (4.5).
6 Primate's classic letter to politician (5).
9 Finished the steeplechase with no falls apparently (3,4).
10 This striker is a mad individual (7).
11 Bishop employs public transport (5).
12 Taking notice, but not of that early-to-bed maxim (7,2).
13 Full board provided for whole cast (3,5).
15 Deep sea fish (4).
19 Grim visit to old city (4).
20 He protects a member from a sort of break-away group (8).
23 It marks a holiday in an Iron Curtain capital perhaps (3-6).
24 Apparel more easily acquired than disposed of (5).
26 Axe caught by one just out of school (7).
27 Note about breeding establishment providing a lot of stock (7).
28 Model question (5).
29 Bad luck, getting such a difficult passage for translation (4,5).

DOWN

1 Applaud directors for weathering the storm (9).
2 Dark Satanic sort of bomb? (5).
3 Late swotting by student about The Dream? (8).
4 The Prayer Book's sequel to my down-sitting (2-6).
5 Argument the young socialite swallowed (6).
6 Hazel's hanger-on — perhaps a Cheshire relative (6).
7 I am getting security service hand-out as a former alien (9).
8 Temporarily shorten skirt for a pretty picture (3-2).
14 One who washes two Parisian articles and a frock (9).
16 Do they provide bars for pompous promenaders? (9).
17 Surgeon who switches calls (8).
18 Spirit with plenty of bounce (8).
21 Hat that accompanied a Maker of Bonnets and Hoods (5).
22 Pomposity of a colourless star chamber (6).
23 Sum up the rise of a sulky racer (5).
25 Shakespearian controversy graduate has to study (5).

Concise crossword, page 22

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

HALITOTIC
a. Living in the deep sea
b. Having bad breath
c. Counting by abacus

RETTERY
a. Entrapment at law
b. A place for damping flax
c. The Lower Sixth at Eton

CATENATION
a. The genus of domestic cats
b. Assessing for import duty
c. A chain or series

SUAGE
a. A type of prairie scrub
b. Portmanteau of suave and sage
c. To assuage

Answers on page 22, column 1

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 17,795 will appear next Saturday

WEATHER

A weak ridge of high pressure covers the United Kingdom as a depression approaches the South-west. Most of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland will have a dry day with periods of sunshine. The far north-east of Scotland along with the northern isles will have some showers at first before it turns sunny. South-west England will start the day bright but will become increasingly cloudy. Rain is likely towards evening. Temperatures in most areas will be below the early October average. Outlook: unsettled.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	24	75	s	Luxor	34	93	s
Alex'dria	28	82	s	Majorca	25	77	t
Amst'dm	12	54	r	Malta	26	79	s
Athens	25	77	s	Melb'rne	18	64	c
Barbados*	25	77	r	Miami*	32	90	s
Belgrade	17	63	s	Montreal*	11	52	f
Berlin	11	52	r	Moscow	11	52	c
Bermuda*	29	84	c	Munich	15	59	s
Biarritz	25	77	s	Nairobi	27	81	c
Bordx'x	25	77	s	N York*	11	52	c
Budapst	16	61	s	Nice	21	70	s
B Aires*	26	79	s	Oslo	11	52	c
C'blanca	24	75	s	Peking	26	79	s
Chicago*	15	59	s	Perth	20	68	c
Cologne	16	61	r	Reykjvik	0	32	f
C'phgn	11	52	r	Rhodes	25	77	f
Dublin	10	50	f	Rome	22	72	s
Dubrovnik	20	68	s	Salzburg	17	63	s
Florence	20	68	f	Santiago*	26	79	s
Frankfurt	16	64	s	S Paulo*	21	70	c
Funchal	23	73	s	St'kholm	9	48	r
Gibraltar	23	73	f	Sydney	23	73	s
Helsinki	12	54	f	Tangier	28	82	c
Hong K	27	81	s	Tel aviv	27	81	s
Innsbruck	17	63	s	Tenerife	26	79	f
Istanbul	18	61	f	Tokyo	21	70	c
Jeddah	35	95	s	Toronto*	10	50	f
Jo'burg*	27	81	s	Valencia	25	77	s
Le Touet	15	59	r	Venice	17	63	f
Lisbon	23	73	f	Vienna	18	64	s
Locarno	16	61	c	Warsaw	15	59	s
Luxemb'g	16	61	c	Wel'ton	14	57	s
				Zurich	19	66	s

* denotes Saturday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	3.9	.36	11	52	gale
Cromer	5.3	.04	13	55	bright
Lowestoft	7.0	-	13	55	sunny
Southend	7.4	.02	13	55	gale
Margate	7.3	-	14	57	sunny
Eastbourne	8.2	-	13	55	sunny
Brighton	7.9	-	13	66	sunny
Bognor R	8.5	.01	13	65	sunny
Southsea	7.9	.01	14	57	sunny
Shanklin	7.4	.07	13	55	shower
Bournemth	8.8	.06	14	57	sunny
Weymouth	6.7	.12	14	57	shower
Torquay	7.2	.16	14	57	hail
Penzance	8.4	.09	14	57	gales
Scilly Isles	8.1	.07	13	55	sunny
Newquay	6.4	.08	14	57	sunny
Minehead	7.0	.69	13	55	thundr
Morecambe	1.1	.32	11	52	hail
Douglas	3.1	.04	10	50	shower
Buxton	1.9	1.19	7	45	gale
Carlisle	0.1	.13	10	50	shower
Anglesey	6.2	.01	12	54	shower
Colwyn Bay	6.2	.07	11	52	gale
Aviemore	-	.47	10	50	shower
Eskdalemuir	-	.33	9	48	shower
Glasgow	0.4	.35	11	52	shower
Kinloss	0.2	.27	11	52	rain
Lerwick	3.4	1.69	10	50	shower
Prestwick	-	.17	10	50	shower
Stornoway	0.2	.88	11	52	rain
Tiree	-	.35	10	50	rain
Wick	1.5	.33	11	52	shower

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2.27	6.9	2.38	6.9
Aberdeen	1.36	4.1	2.06	4.0
Avonmouth	7.50	12.4	8.02	12.7
Belfast	11.41	3.1	11.47	3.3
Cardiff	7.35	11.5	7.47	11.7
Devonport	6.25	5.3	6.37	5.4
Dover	11.37	6.5	11.51	6.3
Falmouth	5.55	5.1	6.07	5.2
Glasgow	1.08	4.5	1.49	4.2
Harwich	12.16	3.9	12.26	3.9
Holyhead	10.53	5.3	11.03	5.5
Hull	6.49	7.3	7.12	7.1
Ilfracombe	6.30	8.7	6.43	8.9
Leith	3.04	5.2	3.26	5.2
Liverpool	11.51	9.0	—	—
Lowestoft	9.53	2.5	10.39	2.3
Margate	12.37	4.5	12.34	4.6
Milford Haven	6.47	6.7	7.00	6.8
Newquay	5.38	6.7	5.51	6.8
Oban	6.26	3.8	6.23	4.0
Penzance	5.22	5.4	5.34	5.5
Portland	7.46	2.1	7.46	2.2
Portsmouth	—	—	12.05	4.6
Shoreham	11.49	6.0	—	—
Southampton	11.38	4.4	11.48	4.4
Swansea	6.54	9.1	7.07	9.2
Tees	4.03	8.2	4.27	8.2
W'ton-on-Nze	12.11	4.1	12.19	4.1

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft. Times are BST

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.21	2.09
Austria Sch	23.19	21.70
Belgium Fr	69.55	66.05
Canada $	2.13	2.02
Denmark Kr	12.57	11.97
Finland Mkk	7.77	7.37
France Fr	11.16	10.58
Germany Dm	3.27	3.09
Greece Dr	264.00	249.00
Hong Kong $	13.75	13.00
Ireland Pt	1.224	1.164
Italy Lire	2450.00	2320.00
Japan Yen	241.00	225.00
Netherlands Gld	3.70	3.50
Norway Kr	12.12	11.52
Portugal Esc	270.00	256.00
South Africa Rd	4.85	4.65
Spain Pta	216.00	205.00
Sweden Kr	11.28	10.68
Switzerland Fr	2.735	2.625
USA $	1.775	1.686
Yugoslavia Dnr	5700.00	4900.00

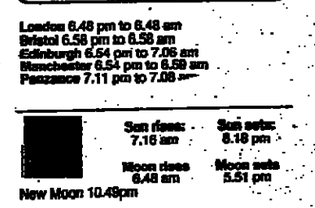
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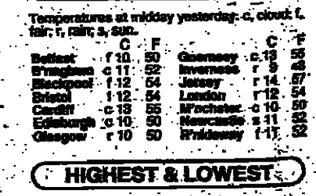
London: The *FT* Index closed up 8.9 at 1490.4.

New York: The Dow Jones Industrial average closed up 42.98 at 2160.25.

AM



PM



LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 6.48 pm to 6.48 am
Bristol 6.58 pm to 6.58 am
Edinburgh 6.54 pm to 7.06 am
Manchester 6.54 pm to 6.58 am
Penzance 7.11 pm to 7.08 am

Sun rises: 7.16 am
Sun sets: 6.18 pm
Moon rises 6.48 am
Moon sets 5.51 pm

New Moon 10.49pm

LONDON

Saturday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 13C (55F); min 6 pm to 6 am,8C (46F). Humidity: 6 pm, 86 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.05in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.2hrs. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1001.8 millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	r	10	50	Guernsey	c	12	55
B'ringham	c	11	52	Inverness	r	9	48
Blackpool	f	12	54	Jersey	r	14	57
Bristol	f	12	54	London	r	12	54
Cardiff	c	13	55	M'chester	c	10	50
Edinburgh	c	10	50	Newcastle	s	11	52
Glasgow	r	10	50	R'ndaway	f	11	52

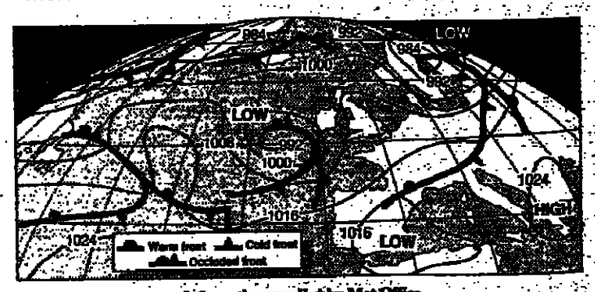
HIGHEST & LOWEST

Saturday: Highest day temp: Teignmouth, Devon 15C (59F); lowest day max: Benbecula (Outer Hebrides) 8C, 46F; highest night: Dalwhinnie, west Scotland 0.9in; highest sunshine: Norwich 4.3hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 12C (54F); min 6 pm to 6 am,8C (47F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.04in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 3.0hr.

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BUSINESS AND FINANCE 25-31
SPORT 36-40

CHANGE ON WEEK	
FT 30 Share	US dollar
1490.4 (+13.9)	1.6975 (+0.0055)
FT-SE 100	W German mark
1844.7 (+18.2)	3.1565 (-0.0109)
USM (Datastream)	Trade-weighted
161.07 (+0.6)	75.9 (same)

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Executive Editor
David Brewerton

CBI makes plea for small firms

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

A warning about the effects of European social legislation on small businesses has been sent to Lord Young of Graffham, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, by the Confederation of British Industry.

The CBI's smaller firms' council has urged Lord Young to see that such legislation does not cancel out the opportunities for more sales which the removal of trade barriers in 1992 will bring.

Mr Harry Kleeman, chairman of the council, said: "Rigid structures imposed by Brussels are not the way to achieve employee involvement."

Lord Young has under review his department's support schemes for exporters, and initiatives are expected early next year. The council has asked him to take into account the help needed by smaller businesses in developing a marketing strategy and in researching export markets.

The council supports British membership of the European Monetary System and was disappointed that Britain had not joined. Mr Kleeman said: "Currency fluctuations can present a real obstacle to smaller firms anxious to take full advantage of the opportunities offered by the single European market."

Williams set for £330m Pilgrim buy

By Michael Clark, Stock Market Correspondent

Williams Holdings, the industrial conglomerate headed by Mr Nigel Rudd and Mr Brian McGowan, is expected to make an agreed £330 million bid today for Pilgrim House, the electrical, electronics and fire detection group.

The deal will push Williams Holdings' stock market value from about £800 million to £1.1 billion.

To finance the deal, Williams will be issuing about 330 million convertible preference shares to Pilgrim shareholders. They will eventually be able to convert these into Williams ordinary shares at slightly more than 310p a share.

There is also a partial cash offer of about 42p a share which will be available on a mix-and-match basis.

The deal effectively values Pilgrim at about 265p a share, against Friday's closing price of 200p. Williams finished trading on Friday at 282p.

Williams is already Pilgrim's biggest independent shareholder, with a 4.9 per cent stake, and is believed to have been stalking the company for some time.

Williams first officially approached Mr Roger Pinnington, chief executive of Pilgrim, last month. But merger terms almost broke down a few weeks ago when Pilgrim's acquisition of Kidde Fire Protection, the US group, was unexpectedly referred to the Federal Trade Commission, the equivalent of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Pilgrim had agreed to pay Hanson $253 million (£150 million) for Kidde, financed via a fully underwritten offer. The FTC inquiry is expected to take at least a month.

The terms of the underwriting agreement ran out on Friday, but Hanson has said it is prepared to grant an extension to the October 15 deadline for the deal. As a result, Williams said on Friday it was prepared to acquire Pilgrim as it stood, and will have to renegotiate the deal with Kidde from scratch once the FTC gives its approval. Pilgrim House was the result of a merger in January of RHP Group (formerly known as Ransome Hoffman & Pollard) and Burgess Group, a company built up by Mr Bob Morton.

It was an ill-fated union which ran into problems even before the ink had dried on the merger document. Disappointing profits, after an unexpected downturn in demand and provisions for a case of fraud in its West German subsidiary (which were, in the end, not needed), forced Burgess to accept lower terms in the merger.

The City has taken a sceptical view of the deal, and this has been reflected in the share price of Pilgrim House. Analysts have said that profits and earnings growth at Pilgrim are likely to remain flat over the next couple of years.

Last year RHP made pre-tax profits of £21 million. For the year to September 30, 1988 that figure is expected to grow to £28 million, helped by a first-time contribution from Burgess.

Turnover of £30,000 from selling advertising



Upwardly mobile: Peter Blackburn at St Catharine's College

Student on course for a degree in making profits

By Sam Kiley
Universities Reporter

A final-year student at St Catharine's College, Cambridge, has set up a limited company which will have yielded a profit of £15,000 by the time he learns the results of his degree next July.

Mr Peter Blackburn, aged 20, managing director of Peter Blackburn Limited, is often to be seen walking across the quadrangle of St Catharine's with a mobile telephone pressed to his ear, conducting business with some of Britain's biggest multi-nationals.

The company is run from Mr Blackburn's rooms in college, where a facsimile machine competes for shelf space with texts in computer studies — his university course.

It whirrs, bleeps and clicks with business correspondence from Barclays Bank, ICI, ICL, British Rail, Unilever and others, all buying advertising space on the term planners Mr Blackburn delivers, free of charge, to every undergraduate at Cambridge and Oxford.

"We will turn over about £30,000 by the end of the year, but I shall not sell the firm until we are making a profit of about £100,000," Mr Blackburn said yesterday.

"I had to set up the limited company to get round the university statutes. Students are forbidden to trade.

"But I am not trading, the company is — and the company has not agreed to abide by the university statutes and therefore cannot be sent down."

Although there are only two full-time employees of the company — Mr Blackburn and his aunt, the company secretary, who works from Manchester — he hires, at £30 a day, about 40 undergraduates from each university to deliver the planners once a term.

"I shall be setting up an office in France next year to extend the operation to the top universities all over Europe, because that is where the employers want to advertise," he said.

"I have an agent who is studying in Paris as part of his language course.

"He has looked into the potential market out there, and most French universities have never even heard of a term planner.

"I do not want to be in publishing for ever. I am best at having ideas, getting them going, then selling them."

Mr Blackburn charges companies £4,000 for exclusive advertising, and £2,000 per sheet for shared advertising, and says he has orders for the next four years.

France orders inquiry into Rowntree sale

The French government has ordered its monopolies commission to investigate the takeover of Rowntree, the British chocolate manufacturer, by Nestlé of Switzerland.

The referral was made two weeks ago but was not made public. A spokesman for Rowntree said last night that the company was aware of the monopolies inquiry but it was "a domestic French situation."

Negotiations between the French government and Nestlé are believed to be continuing.

Justification for the referral is based on the fact that the combined sales of Nestlé and Rowntree in France exceed 25 per cent of the value of French chocolate sales. The Nestlé-Rowntree share is claimed by the French authorities to be as much as 35 per cent in some lines, although an industry source put the figure at about 26 to 27 per cent for the whole French chocolate market.

Higher rates 'have not cut' consumer demand

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The rise in interest rates to 12 per cent in August may have begun to hit industrial growth but has left consumer demand unaffected, according to a survey today.

The Dun & Bradstreet Expectations Survey for the fourth quarter, based on a sample of 1,000 senior executives of medium and large companies, suggests a slowdown in industrial growth, with business optimism on sales, profits, orders and stocks down on the previous survey, three months ago.

However, the retail sector showed an increase in optimism, the only sector of industry to do so.

"Our surveys now show for the first time indicators which give cause for concern," said Mr Keith Williams, managing director of Dun & Bradstreet. "The increase in base rates has affected the supply side of the economy but has not stemmed the demand, a combination which could be a recipe for an increase in inflation."

The survey was based on questionnaires completed between August 30 and September 16. Among manufacturers, the proportion of respondents expecting an increase in sales during the following quarter fell from 72 to 64 per cent. There were also falls in services, other than retailing, from 79 to 72 per cent, and in construction, from 77 to 71 per cent. But the proportion of retailers expecting higher sales rose from 70 to 75 per cent.

"The indications of a slowdown on the supply side of the economy coupled with consumer demand could adversely affect Britain's trading position with the danger of a fall in the value of sterling and higher inflation," Dun & Bradstreet said in a report accompanying the survey.

The financial markets will be on the alert for further evidence of an upturn in inflation, in data out this week. The main worry is on the average earnings statistics, due on Thursday, the day the Chancellor of the Exchequer addresses the Conservative Party conference.

The previous month's figures showed a jump in the rate of increase in earnings to 9 per cent, and any further increase would be taken as bad news.

Producer price data will be published today and the retail price index for September on Friday. The rate is expected to edge up from the 5.7 per cent recorded in August, to about 5.8 per cent in September. A bigger jump, to well over 6 per cent, is expected for October.

DTI silent on '£20m Clowes repayment'

By Our City Staff

The Department of Trade and Industry yesterday refused to comment on press reports that the Government is prepared to provide £20 million in compensation to investors in the Barlow Clowes fund management group.

However, it has always been thought extremely unlikely that the Government would volunteer because it licensed Barlow Clowes.

Government officials have adopted the line that the DTI behaved properly in relying on assurances from Barlow Clowes' professional advisers when it licensed the company in October 1985.

Officials also point out that the investors' losses of about £100 million are virtually all attributable to Barlow Clowes International, the Gibraltar arm of the company which did not come within the scope of the DTI licence. The counter-argument is that BCI would have been stillborn if the UK part of Barlow Clowes had not obtained DTI approval.

DTI ministers are said to believe the department has only one Achilles' heel in the Barlow Clowes affair — that the DTI renewed the UK company's licence last year, when it had already begun an investigation which led to the closure of Barlow Clowes.

C&W in appeal to Rentals investors

By Our City Staff

Shareholders in Telephone Rentals, the telephone equipment leasing company, will be receiving details today of Cable and Wireless's £283.8 million offer for their company.

The offer document is accompanied by a letter to the TR shareholders from Sir Eric Sharp, chairman and chief executive of Cable and Wireless, reiterating that the commercial logic to the acquisition is "compelling," and the 305p-a-share offer is generous.

He argues that while the C&W offer is at a 45 per cent premium to the closing share price of 211p on the day before the offer was announced, it is at a substantially higher premium over the share price excluding bid speculation.

He claims that Telephone Rentals had been the subject of bid speculation for some time, with C&W often cited as a possible bidder. "We believe that this speculation inflated Telephone Rentals' share price to a level that was not justified by its earnings record and prospects as an independent company. If this speculative element were excluded, our offer would represent a substantially higher premium," Sir Eric said.

Mr Gordon Owen, managing director of C&W, believes that if there had been no bid speculation prior to the C&W bid, the Telephone Rentals price would be nearer 175p.

Mr Gus Moore, TR's managing director, dismisses the bid as "wholly inadequate." However, he has acknowledged that there could be commercial benefits to linking TR with C&W's Mercury operations.

Analysts think that C&W will need to raise its offer by 10 per cent before TR will feel compelled to recommend it. The TR share price supports this, closing above the bid price on Friday at 345p.

Parkdale in £10m scheme

By Lawrence Lever

Parkdale Holdings, the expanding property and leisure group, has purchased a 4.7-acre site at Stockport, near Manchester, on which it plans to build a £10 million business/office park development.

It has also sold two of the six sites purchased for £7 million from National Bus Company in April. The sites have been sold on — without development — for £4.9 million.

The Stockport purchase is at the intersection of the A6 and M63, a short drive from Manchester International Airport and bordered by the River Mersey.

The sale of the two bus sites leaves Parkdale, chaired by Sir Peter Parker, former chairman of British Rail, with two development sites at Stevenage and St Albans and two "investment" sites yielding in excess of 14 per cent per annum.

Bangemann predicts 3.5% growth

By Our City Staff

Herr Martin Bangemann, the West German economics minister, said in Wiesbaden yesterday that his country's economic growth could be more than 3.5 per cent in 1988 compared with 1.7 per cent last year.

Herr Bangemann's forecast, in his last speech as chairman of the liberal Free Democratic Party at its annual convention, was above the 3 per cent predicted by Herr Gerhard Stoltenberg, the finance minister.

He said: "We will achieve growth this year that could be above 3.5 per cent."

Herr Bangemann, due to become a commissioner at the European Economic Community from January 1989, said that spending by private households and investment had increased especially during this year.

Kuwait 'astonished' over BP

Kuwait (AP) — The government here has expressed "extreme regret and astonishment" at Britain's demand that it must cut its stake in BP by more than half, and says it has taken steps to protect its investments abroad. However, it did not say what those measures were.

It was the first official comment made by Kuwait since Lord Young, the Trade Secretary, told Kuwait on Tuesday to reduce its holding in BP from 21.69 per cent to 9.9 per cent.

The statement was announced by the Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs, Mr Rashed Abdul-Aziz al-Rashed, after the weekly cabinet meeting chaired by Kuwait's Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Sheikh Saad al-Abdullah al-Sabah.



Sheikh al-Abdullah al-Sabah.

Mr al-Rashed said: "The cabinet has decided to take all necessary steps to protect Kuwait's economic interests in Britain.

"Kuwait expressed its extreme regret and astonishment at the decision of the British Government. The government studied all suitable measures and at all levels with a view to protecting its economic interests and its investments abroad."

Kuwait has an estimated $85 billion (£50 billion) in overseas holdings and one-fifth of that is invested in Britain.

● The United Arab Emirates' central bank governor said he favoured the idea of Gulf states buying some of the shares in BP.

Mr Abdul Malik al-Hammar said: "The purchase by Gulf Arab states of Kuwaiti shares is a good idea, especially after reports that the United States and Japan are planning to buy."

New NIG unit

National Investment Group, which was formed out of the merger of eight regional stockbrokers and the London firm Scott Goff Layton, is setting up a central corporate advisory unit to service its 24 regional offices. It will provide clients throughout Britain with specialist corporate finance, research and marketing advice.

ConsGold releases details of submission to OFT

Minorco bid 'would damage UK'

By Carol Ferguson

Consolidated Gold Fields, the British mining house contesting a £3 billion takeover bid by Minorco, the South African-controlled company, has released details of its submission to the Office of Fair Trading, which it hopes will lead to a full reference of the bid to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

ConsGold argues that the bid is against the public interest and would be seriously damaging both to the company and to Britain, stating that Minorco is inextricably linked with Anglo American Corporation and De Beers, its leading shareholders, which in turn are under the control of the Oppenheimer family and run from South Africa.

If the bid is successful, ConsGold argues that the Anglo American grouping, which has for many years managed the price of diamonds, will control about a third of gold production in the West.

In addition, there would be further concentration of the production, refining and marketing of platinum into the hands of the Anglo American grouping, and South African interests would dominate the supply of certain strategic minerals and metals, especially the mineral sands from which titanium and zircon are extracted. There are no substitutes for these metals which have vital applications in the nuclear and defence industries.

ConsGold, which has already made submissions to the US government under the Trade Protection Act, is believed to be planning submissions to Australia and Papua New Guinea.

Meanwhile, Minorco has attacked reports in the weekend press suggesting that it has not made full disclosure of beneficial interests in either its own shares or those of Consolidated Gold Fields.

A Minorco spokesman said yesterday: "We take a very serious view of any implication that full disclosure has not been made of beneficial interests in either ConsGold or Minorco."

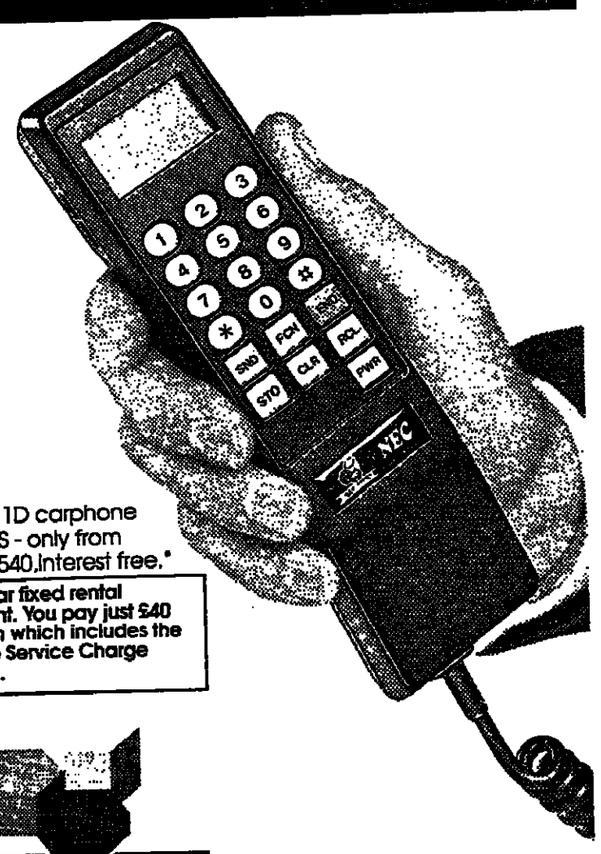
The statement is in response to a report in the Sunday press which traces the ownership of a 7 per cent Oppenheimer family interest in Minorco, described in Minorco's offer document as an "indirect partial" holding, to Evod Nominees, a Liberian-registered company, Central holdings, (a subsidiary of Evod), and Capricorn Trust, a Liechtenstein company.

ConsGold remains concerned about the ownership of options representing 4 per cent of its issued equity which were mysteriously traded prior to Minorco's bid. One quarter of the options have been traced to a Liechtenstein company, but the rest appear to be well dispersed. A ConsGold spokesman said: "It would take forever to trace the beneficial ownership of these options, but we are very concerned that we cannot discover the whereabouts of 4 per cent of our equity."

Meanwhile, the Minorco spokesman said the company wished to stress that Minorco and all its associates have fully disclosed their interests in ConsGold. The company said the interests of Anglo American and De Beers in Minorco have always been fully disclosed, even when there was no legal requirement. He added that the interests of the Oppenheimer family and Charter Consolidated have been also fully disclosed.

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Banking on a bid for Sears

The late flurry of trading in Sears on Friday, coupled with a good deal of options activity, suggest the smart money is on a bid for the stores, footwear and mail order group.

This contrasts starkly with some deeply bearish views which emerged after the interim figures last week. There is now a yawning gap between the long and short-term views on the stock. If a bid does emerge this week from Lord Hanson or another of those most frequently cast in the role of predator, a stewards' inquiry is inevitable.

In County NatWest Wood-Mac's view, the bid stories are "silly" and investors should grit their teeth and dispose of Sears shares. However hard things may be at the moment, the going for retailers will be tougher still.

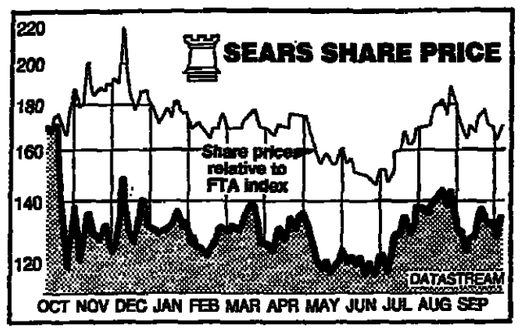
Consumer spending growth will be noticeably slower. Nor is there much to cheer Sears' divisional businesses. Footwear, says County NatWest, is not likely to benefit from a weak dollar, while the housebuilding side will be fortunate to remain unscathed by high mortgage rates. While Freemans, the mail order group, will benefit from reorganization, the consumer spending trends will be pulling in the opposite direction. County asks why Sears should stand at a substantial premium to the sector.

A more measured analysis from Goldman Sachs nevertheless arrives at the same conclusion. However, the US securities house returns to an old theme in querying the quality of Sears' earnings.

The betting operations of William Hill – not for sale, according to Mr Geoffrey Maitland Smith, the chairman – threw the group off balance in the first half. Such is the volatility here though that there has been a turnaround since and profits are now ahead of the previous year. Sachs clearly hopes Mr Maitland Smith may change his mind at an opportune moment.



Lord Hanson: tipped to bid



The housebuilding activities at Galliford Sears are in a sector which is miserably rated by analysts even though the builders expect a far more durable profits performance than does the market. However, a windfall in the shape of some lumpy commercial property development profits should help results, if not Sachs' view of their quality.

Like County, the US broker says no premium to the market is justified, though they diverge on their expectations of profits. County's £245 million in the current year and Goldman's £260 million give a prospective p/e ratio in the range of 12.2 to 13.3 times.

This is hardly bargain basement stuff for a group enduring unhelpful trading conditions. Buyers at this level, and Friday's burst of late trades with 6 million shares changing hands suggest there are more than a few, should realize they are cruelly exposed if the bid fails to materialize on time.

Scottish TV

After the fat years come the lean years. Whether the television companies are, like the Old Testament Pharaoh, dreaming of seven lean and scrawny cows gobbling up the seven fat cows on the banks of the Nile, the interpretation of their fate is the same. The lean years are coming up fast.

The contents of the planned white paper on the future of independent television have been fairly comprehensively leaked. There are now few who doubt that the hitherto cosy franchises will be opened to competitive tender, that there will be a fifth land-based channel, and that Channel 4 will be selling its own air-time, all in the early 1990s.

With these threats concentrating their minds, the television companies are seeking salvation in individual ways. Scottish Television, which on Friday revealed interim profits down 5 per cent to £2.5 million, is planning to make a third of its profits in areas other than its franchise.

Its purchase of the outplacement employment company, Pauline Hyde, is the first of what will prove to be a series of acquisitions in the employment field in Britain and on the Continent. Pauline Hyde, acquired last April, is likely to contribute £200,000 to profits this year for the first nine months since acquisition, so there is still a long way to go for management to achieve its aims.

However, STV is also confident it can retain its franchise, relying on its undoubted audience support – the Scots watch significantly more television than the English – and the quality and reputation of its programmes. With nearly £11 million in the bank, it has the financial resources to rebid for its franchise, and to continue to invest in new programmes.

When it comes to making acquisitions, therefore, STV is likely to want to use paper, conserving its cash for the difficult times ahead.

For the full year, profits are unlikely to be significantly different from those of last year's £8.95 million. Assuming pretax profits of £9.25 million, the prospective multiple is less than seven, a rating which reflects the future uncertainties.

British Airways/BAA

It has been a trying holiday season for those flying in search of the summer sun this year. The package holidaymakers, business travellers and full fare-paying passengers alike have crowded into Britain's increasingly inadequate airports, creating chaos in the departure lounges.

But it is an ill wind . . . When the privatization siblings British Airways and BAA reveal their half-yearly results next month, they are likely to prove to be the twin beneficiaries of strong growth in air traffic last year and, to a lesser extent, this year.

Average revenue per passenger, known as yield, has bottomed out. In the first quarter, British Airways achieved a 5 per cent increase in its yield, despite adverse currency movements which depressed revenues by 6 per cent. The reason for the increase – effectively a double digit rise – is that strong traffic growth in 1987 has resulted in high load factors and a shortage of capacity in the peak summer months.

Thus the airlines have been able to start increasing fares – BA has significantly raised the price of Club World fares across the Atlantic – ensuring continued profits growth into 1989. In the meantime, the cost base has improved further both through weak fuel prices and the integration of British Caledonian.

For its part, BAA is an immediate beneficiary of the long flight delays experienced this summer. The airlines have been offering limited compensation to delayed passengers, and with time to kill in the airport lounges and shopping areas, their spending is likely to have risen considerably.

Both companies generate the bulk of their profits in the first half and Mr Ian Wild, transport analyst at Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the broker, estimates British Airways will report a minimum of £230 million, and BAA £153 million at the interim stage to end-September. The prospective multiples for the full year are 7.5 and 11.5 respectively.

Both stocks are still above their launch prices, despite last October's crash. At 280p, British Airways shares are 14 per cent above the July 1987 flotation price of 245p. BAA shares, now 167p, are 34 per cent ahead of their February 1987 flotation price of 125p. Both shares should perform well in the run-up to the interim announcements, and British Airways is underpinned by the 6 per cent yield.

GILT-EDGED

Why the market takes oil slide in its stride

All the signs are that sterling and gilts are shrugging off the fall in oil prices. Sterling has remained firm on the foreign exchanges and long gilts have rallied by three points, despite a plunge in the oil price of almost $3 per barrel in the past three weeks, which has taken it to its lowest since April 1986.

This performance stands in stark contrast to 1986, when a halving of oil prices led to a 15 per cent fall in sterling's trade-weighted index, a 250-basis-point rise in 10-year gilt yields and an exceptionally large rise in yield spreads against all other leading government markets. From peak to trough, oil prices fell more sharply in 1986, but the drop this year already amounts to more than 30 per cent.

The markets view this year's fall as less critical for sterling, and therefore more bullish for gilts. This is the correct response, for three reasons.

First, the annual net contribution of oil to Britain's current account had slumped from £8 billion at the start of 1986, when oil was $26 a barrel, to under £4 billion at the beginning of this year, when the price was $17. Second, tax revenues from North Sea oil production fell from £13 billion in 1985-86 to less than £5 billion in 1987-88, and will contribute less than 2 per cent of total government revenue in the present financial year.

Third, in response to both lower prices and lower oil production from the North Sea, the share of oil in gross domestic product has fallen to just 1.5 per cent this year, from 6 per cent in 1985.

In addition, the contribution of falling oil prices to global activity, inflation and monetary policy developments will be less than in 1986, simply because the starting price of oil is so much lower, so that its share in the global economy is also lower.

However, for sterling, the key difference is that oil is no longer of any special importance to the British economy. This means that the sterling markets are unlikely to be left out of any more favourable environment for international bonds that may be associated with lower oil prices. In summary, sterling is no longer a petro-currency, and the net effect of lower oil prices on gilts is bullish.

British economic statistics due this week will give important indications of inflationary pressures in the economy. September estimates for producer prices, retail prices and average employment earnings will all be released, and dissected for any evidence of an underlying increase in inflation.

Against a backdrop of a sharp rise in retail price inflation the timing of the releases is widely considered to be important, as they may influence the level of wage settlements at the start of the annual wage round this month.

The signs are that the underlying rate of inflation in Britain has picked up from 4 per cent – where it remained between 1983 and 1987 – to 5 per cent. But the underlying rate may rise no further. The rise is entirely consistent with that in domestic demand.

Detailed evidence can be found in: the rise in underlying average earnings from 7.75 per cent in July 1987 to 9 per cent in July this year; the rise in the Confederation of British Industry index of manufacturing wage settlements from about 5 per cent in the first half of 1987 to 6 per cent a year later and the rise in year-on-year producer price inflation from below 4 per cent at the start of the year to 4.9 per cent in August.

However, both short- and long-term British interest rates appear to discount this. Taking 5 per cent as the underlying rate – and one to which the actual retail price inflation rate will fall during 1989 – real (or inflation-adjusted) three-month money market rates stand at 7 per cent, compared with an average 5.5 per cent during the past five years. Ten-year real gilt yields are close to 5 per cent, right around the five-year average. Thus, the current yield curve appears able easily to withstand a temporary rise in measured retail price inflation over the next quarter.

Over the past month, all interest rates have fallen modestly. Expectations of higher bank base rates have been eradicated, and there are two reasons to suggest that the steep inversion of the yield curve will persist.

First, the market senses that the British authorities will resist any downward move in money market rates before much stronger signals of lower growth in both domestic demand and credit. Second, the upside risk for gilt yields is limited by the willingness of the Bank of England to buy gilts on any temporary price weakness.

So far this financial year, the Treasury has restricted gilt sales to about £2.2 billion. Allowing for unsold stock and the gilt auction scheduled for January, a prospective surplus in public finances of about £10 billion this year means the public sector will be "overfunded" by £5 billion, even if funding stops now.

This prospective overfunding has focused market attention on open-market purchases of gilts by the Bank over the past two weeks, which although small, are being taken as a possible sign of a much larger buy-back programme, or "reverse-tender" to be mounted at the start of 1989.

Why then? Because a reverse tender, aimed at moving the funding programme closer to balance, will dovetail neatly with the annual need to provide liquidity to the banking system when the bulk of mainstream corporation tax liabilities falls due.

Malcolm Roberts
Salomon Brothers International

Tropical trade pact hopes grow

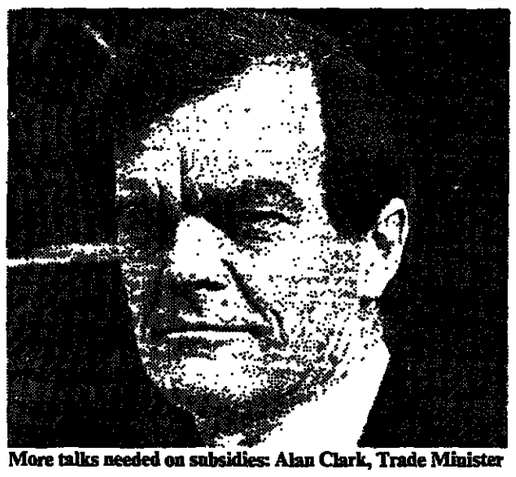
By Colin Narbrough

Mr Alan Clark, the Trade Minister, is hopeful that agreement can be reached this year on freer international trade in tropical goods after a "surprisingly successful" meeting of trade ministers last week.

But he considers that after the informal meeting in Islamabad, Pakistan, the wider issue of export subsidies on all agricultural goods will require more discussion within the European Economic Community. Britain has been pressing its EEC partners to ease their opposition to proposals for ending export aids, and Mrs Thatcher has been attracted by Australian thinking about removing subsidies.

"I think the Community has got to get its act together," Mr Clark said. The EEC had a lot of work to do, and Mr Willy de Clercq, the EEC Trade Commissioner, had to recognize that a lot of expectations had been raised.

The Islamabad talks sought to prepare the ground for the ministerial meeting of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade in December in Montreal, which will make a mid-way assessment of the Uruguay Round negotiations on liberalizing world trade in manufactures, farm goods and services.



More talks needed on subsidies: Alan Clark, Trade Minister

After the United States last week indicated its readiness to separate tropical goods from farm goods in general, Mr Clark said he would hope that freer trade would be agreed for tropical produce in December. "We've got to send some signals at Montreal," he said.

A problem remained, however, of how the developing countries would agree on liberalizing trade such goods between themselves.

With only one EEC foreign affairs council session due before Montreal, time is running out for altering the EEC position, although the issue will have a high priority.

Mr Clark did not think a freeze on agricultural support should be difficult for the EEC to accept, or even modest short-term reductions. Long-term changes, he fears, would be more difficult to swallow. Nor could Britain bludgeon its EEC partners into change. "It is counter-productive to push too hard."

While Mr Clayton Yeutter, the US Trade Representative, signalled a softening at Islamabad on America's demand for a total end to subsidies by the year 2000, Mr Frans Andriessen, EEC Agriculture Commissioner, reiterated that the Community is resolved not to eliminate its subsidy programme.

● The EEC opens negotiations in Luxembourg this week on a new aid and trade pact with 66 African, Caribbean and Pacific developing countries to replace the Lomé Convention which expires in 1990.

Unrest in Algeria threatens UK links

By Our Industrial Editor

British exports worth £53.5 million in the first eight months of this year will be at risk if Algeria's civil problems worsen. The exports, which between January and August rose 15 per cent compared with the same period of last year, consisted mainly of machinery, transport equipment and iron and steel.

Imports of petrol, petroleum products and liquid natural gas from Algeria have remained steady, amounting to £103.9 million in the first eight months of this year.

British Steel has been supplying structural steel to Algeria to meet the needs of its busy construction programmes, but with demand for such steel high in both Britain and continental Europe, any fall-off in Algerian demand will not be an embarrassment, as supplies can easily be switched elsewhere.

Trafalgar House, with its bridge building and structural steel interests, said it expected the Algerian situation would not affect it appreciably. Neither British Rail nor Westland's hovercraft division has any outstanding transport equipment contracts with the Algerians.

There are some car and commercial vehicle sales to the north African country. In 1987, including parts and accessories, these amounted to £3.4 million.

Scotch whisky sales to Algeria jumped 50 per cent last year to 160,000 bottles, worth about £300,000. Tobacco exports to Algeria are small, however. BAT Industries, for example, exports supplies for duty-free sale only.

British imports of Algerian petroleum products could be supplied from alternative sources. British Gas has been taking only the occasional shipload of liquid natural gas, although it has set up a new contract to take supplies when needed in winter.

US NOTEBOOK

Payroll figures counter hysteria over inflation

From Maxwell Newton, New York

The marked drop in the rate of growth of payroll employment in the September quarter has further undermined the credibility of the inflation hysteria that afflicted the US financial markets in the first half of the year.

Those who ignored the hysteria and bought long paper in May have been handsomely rewarded already.

During the three months to September, the growth of payroll employment fell to 638,000, compared with an increase of 1,095,000 in just three months to March and 1,019,000 in the three months to June.

Most notable was the very sharp drop in the growth of payroll employment in the manufacturing sector. Here, employment had risen 57,000 in the three months to March and 140,000 in the three months to June.

But in the three months to September, payroll employment in the nation's factories rose a mere 11,000 and actually fell a combined total of 37,000 during August and September.

There may now be some rethinking on the prospect for third-quarter US gross national product growth and for the growth of industrial production.

The significance of the big drop in manufacturing employment growth in the September quarter is that it also ties in with evidence of much slower growth in US exports in the four months to July.

Exports reached a peak in March and have been flat for the subsequent four months.

As exports are the driving force for the manufacturing sector, it may be that US exporters of manufactured goods are finding it increasingly difficult to make headway in world markets.

By Friday, the yield on the US 30-year bond had fallen to 8.85 per cent.

As recently as June, bond bears were telling their clients that the yield on this bond would go to 10 per cent.

Now those analysts are going to have to explain to their clients just how they managed to advise them to take a short bond position which has, in truth, been a losing position over the past four months.

In mid-May, when bond bears were near the peak of their influence, the price of the 30-year US Bond was 98½. By Friday it had risen about 4½ points from that level – contrary to the views expressed by the "consensus" in May.

But most institutional investors are still very much on the sidelines as far as medium- or long-term commitments are concerned.

It is not hard to see why this should be so. The US yield curve has become quite flat in 1988. In January, the 90-day Treasury bill rate was 6½ per cent and the 30-year US bond yield was 9 per cent. So the ratio of the Treasury bill rate to the 30-year bond yield was 72 per cent.

By last Friday, the 90-day Treasury bill rate was 7.3 per cent and the 30-year bond yield was 8.85 per cent.

So the ratio has risen to 82 per cent.

Ninety-day certificates of deposit in the secondary market in New York yield about 8¼ per cent – or 93 per cent of the current long bond yield. So for institutional investors, there is not a great incentive to move out along the yield curve.

We may have to wait some time before there is a fully fledged move of institutional money into bonds and shares.

The incentive for such a move will have to come from strong evidence of falling short-term US commercial interest rates.

Salesmen trying to interest institutional investors in bonds and shares at this stage are experiencing difficult times because of the flatness of the yield curve.

The curve has gone flat because of the decline of inflationary expectations, which has brought bond yields down by a good 60 basis points since mid-July; and at the same time an end-of-cycle scramble for cash has helped push up short-term rates. An additional factor has been the activity of the European central banks in driving up their short-term rates to forestall the rise of the dollar during the summer.

And a final factor has been the restrictive monetary policy of the Federal Reserve Board, which has been intensified during the summer.

So, for the time being, the blundering herds of institutional investors are staying short and feel they are being rewarded for doing so.

Of course, they are progressively missing out on the capital gains being made by those courageous or far-sighted enough to move way out along the yield curve.

But in the bureaucratic world of institutional investing, risk-taking is still at a discount.

Share swindle investigators meet

By Our City Staff

Investigators from the US and nine other nations will meet in Washington from tomorrow to co-ordinate inquiries into a huge international share swindle, Swiss judicial sources said in Geneva.

It is alleged that several thousand investors were defrauded. More than 20 people have been detained in France, Switzerland and West Germany, and investment firms have been accused of soliciting money through newsletters recommending share purchases in the US and then absconding with the funds.

Investigators from Britain, Switzerland, France, the Netherlands, Canada, West Germany, Luxembourg, Spain and Australia and Interpol will also attend the inquiry.

Aerospace orders set for £10bn

By Harvey Elliott
Air Correspondent

Britain's 300 aerospace companies are in the middle of a record sales boom and expect to sign orders for more than £10 billion worth of equipment this year, of which 60 per cent will be exported.

Predictions that this could lead to a £3 billion benefit to the balance of trade figures could prove optimistic, however, because of a marked rise in the number of aircraft being imported from America and the fall in the value of the dollar which has made British goods more expensive.

Mr Dan Honley, deputy director of the Society of British Aerospace Companies, has given a warning that, as airlines step up their production to cope with the growing demand for air travel, the amount of imported goods could rapidly close the gap in the amount of exported aerospace equipment.

"In recent months there has been a marked increase both in the number of second-hand aircraft being brought into Britain and in orders for new aircraft from the US," he said.

During the next 12 years the world would spend more than £1,000 billion on aerospace goods, he predicted, with military equipment worth £550 billion still leading the way as emerging nations developed their air forces, and £350 billion going on new civil aircraft. Britain's share of this market could be worth about £60 billion.

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Paving the way to a prosperous business future

NatWest small loans pass £2bn

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

National Westminster Bank's development loans for small businesses have topped £2 billion with a £122,000 advance to Italpaving, of Tottenham, London. The enterprise is one of only a score of businesses in Britain specializing in bespoke marble construction.

It cuts, finishes and installs a wide variety of marble and granite fitments – from staircases in hotels and offices to flooring and wall cladding, as well as bathrooms and kitchens.

Italpaving, with an associate company Quality Marble – which imports and sells marble and granite, mainly from Italy – was set up in 1980 by Mr Carlo Fossaluzza, now 27, whose family of marble craftsmen came from Italy.

The loan is to fund an additional warehouse, but Mr Fossaluzza says the main constraint on growth is a shortage of skilled labour which the latest computer-controlled cutting machines can only partly offset. "Even in Italy they are short of such labour, so it's no answer to try to recruit over there," he said.

Demand for marble and granite finishes first showed a sharp upward trend in 1984 and marble is still "on the up and up", according to Mr Fossaluzza. "Most of the businesses in marble have more work than they can cope with and there is no sign of the boom easing."

His contracts include two large homes in the Highgate area of London in which the marble content will cost £300,000. On some jobs costs can be trimmed by using conglomerate marble.

The two companies' turnovers were worth more than £750,000 in the 12 months to last March, with pre-tax profits expected to stand at £43,000. An application for a market listing is being considered.

NatWest has current loans of £7 billion to small firms, including the development loans, and is helping more than 600,000 small businesses.

Wide spread boosts profit hopes at London & Edinburgh Trust

TODAY

Mr Richard Langford, an analyst at Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the broker, has penciled in pre-tax profits of £21.5 million (£15.6 million) for London & Edinburgh Trust, the property group, when it releasss its half-year report today.

He says that investment in associated companies – Rutland Trust, Hampshire Business Park and Rockhold – will produce a high level of profits, while a number of big development projects have been completed.

Earnings will be generated from offices in Paris as well as Nightingale House, Curzon Street, and Dowgate Hill House, City, in London and from a high specification facility at Waterside Park, Bracknell, Berkshire, which has been pre-let to ICL.

LET has raised £50 million from a preference share issue to finance its expanding operations and Mr Langford has raised his full-year pre-tax profit estimate by £2 million to £46 million.

Interims: Arlington Securities, Barlows, Brown Shipley International Bond Fund, Chillington Corporation, Dauphin, ISA INTERNATIONAL, KCA Drilling, Lanca, London & Edinburgh Trust.
Finals: Attwoods, Brown Shipley Sterling Capital Fund, Colorgen Inc, Goodwin, Highpoint Group, Medminster.

TOMORROW

Lloyds Chemists, Britain's second largest retail chemist, reveals annual figures today with analysts estimating pre-tax profits of about £4.5 million to £4.7 million.

Lloyds took on 46 more chemists' outlets and 77 drugstores when it acquired Billington and Scotts Chemists at the end of last year and the annual figures will incorporate nine months from those purchases.

Mr Charles Allen, an analyst at County NatWest WoodMac, the broker, is



Frank van Wezel: Likely to give £4 million profits – the first since its flotation in June



Michael Hepher: Analysts expect a bullish half-time report to thwart possible predators

going for £4.7 million, up from £1.9 million last year. He believes that the introduction of more of its own brands into both drugstores and the chemists is restoring margins to better levels.

Moreover, the effect of the new NHS contract was not as bad as at first feared, so, with better buying terms from manufacturers, profits in the chemists' chain have benefited.

BM, the contracting and construction equipment group, should reveal good annual results with pre-tax profits rising from £5.1 million to about £8.7 million.

The company has done well out of the booming conditions in the construction market and will be helped by a first-time contribution from Beazer Products and Tod.

UEI, the holding company for a number of electronics and specialized engineering companies, is expected to unveil interim pre-tax profits of about £13.8 million compared with last year's £11.1 million.

The first-half is expected to be characterized by strong performances by all group companies, with Cosworth, Quantel and Miles 33 leading the way. Cosworth has been manufacturing an engine for the uprated version of Ford's Sapphire.

Interims: Alexandra Workwear (amended), Alfa-Laval AB, Baillie Gifford Technology, Brooks Service Group, Kelt Energy, Lincat Group, London and Manchester

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REPORTING THIS WEEK

Group, Plaxtons, Telephone Rentals.
Finals: BM Group, Lloyds Chemists, Savage group, SPS Consultancy Group, Stanhope Properties.

WEDNESDAY

Talk abounds in the market that Abbey Life Group, the unit trust-linked life company, could be the target of a predator with 1992 in mind, so Mr Michael Hepher, the chairman, will be keen to give a bullish statement to shareholders today when the interim dividend payment is revealed.

The company has already revealed that first-half new annual premiums have risen by 34 per cent, but new single premiums (including unit trusts) fell by 44 per cent.

Avis Europe, the car rental group, disappointed market speculators recently when it revealed that it was acquiring the remaining 50 per cent of Sogen Avis SA, its French associate, that it does not already own.

Stories in the market had suggested something more exciting was imminent, such as an agreed offer for T Cowie, the Sunderland, Tyne and Wear, motor and finance group.

However, Avis reports interim results today and analysts' pre-tax profits predictions range between £30 million and £35 million.

The car rental business will show further good progress, but not on the same scale as last year, while fleet management will benefit from the first-time contribution from CD Bramall and increased ownership of Locadiff and Avis Car Leasing.

Cluff Resources, the old oil company turned gold miner run by Mr Algy Cluff, is expected to announce a pre-tax profit for the first time ever.

BZW is going for £1.2 million. More than 90 per cent of sales now come from gold and the Royal Family mine near Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, which produced 6,300 oz of gold last year, continues to perform strongly.

Interims: Abbey Life Group, Alba, Avis Europe, Britannia Security Group, Cluff Resources, Johnston Group, Lawrence (Walter), Second Market Investment, Tudor, UEI.
Finals: AMI Healthcare (expected on October 13), Castle Communications, Kingston Oil & Gas, Pochin's, Portland Holdings, Sinclair (William) Holdings, Tay Homes.

THURSDAY

Mr Frank van Wezel, the man who founded HI-TEC SPORTS, the biggest sports shoe supplier in Britain, 14 years ago, will be keen to announce a good set of interim results – the first since the company's £56 million flotation in June.

Analysts forecast pre-tax profits of £4 million compared with £3.7 million last year.

HI-TEC sells more shoes in Britain than Adidas, Puma, Nike and Reebok and has boasted that it shod one in seven runners at the London Marathon. Analysts are expecting a satisfactory first-half and suggest that Wimbledon and the Olympic Games have significantly boosted sales.

Interims: HI-TEC SPORTS.
Finals: Canadian Overseas Packaging Industries, Personal Computers.

FRIDAY

Interims: Biotechnology Investments (quarterly), Comac Group, Forward Technology Industries, Radamec Group, Slingsby (HC), Walker (JO).
Finals: Honeysuckle Group.

Geoffrey Foster

ECONOMIC VIEW

Where Nigel's charm is more sure to work

Nigel Lawson's speech to the Tory Party faithful in Brighton on Thursday should be an easier assignment than his recent dialogues with the teenage scribblers of the City. Not that it will be all plain sailing. The party of home ownership does not like mortgage rates going up, even if it believes in low inflation. But, whereas financial markets are notoriously short-term in their views, the Government's strategy is designed not just for the next set of economic indicators but for a Parliament and beyond.

With the benefit of hindsight the Budget may have taken some risks with the medium-term financial strategy. The world economy was growing faster than most people thought and the stock market crash had less effect on activity than expected. This may have to be corrected in the next Budget. But from the point of view of the medium-term political and economic strategy, the Budget was judged impeccably.

The time for radical change is in the first year of the electoral term when the Government's mandate is fresh and the next election four to five years off. Even on that sort of timescale, the benefits of changes which improve the underlying efficiency of the economy are not always fully visible to the electorate by the time the Government goes to the country. They were barely visible in 1983.

But the effects of tax cuts on the supply side of the economy will be felt long after the effects on the demand side have been forgotten. It will be easier to convince the conference of this than the so-called sophisticates of the City.

Mr Lawson might also refer to the international context in which the Government's reforms are taking place. At the annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank in West Berlin recently, the calls were incessant for more deregulation, incentives and a greater role for the private sector.

Structural adjustment, as the IMF and World Bank insist on calling it, was needed for the more sluggish of the developed countries, for the newly industrialized economies which had an obligation to abandon trade protectionism and, above all, it was needed for the developing countries if they were ever to be able to repay their debts.

In all the most crucial areas of reform, the Thatcher Government has gone further and faster than most, as the IMF's *World Economic Outlook* recognized. And where it still has a long way to go it is in good company. Discussion of the West German economy in Berlin centred very largely on the need for greater wage flexibility.

Basic rates of pay for a machinist in the economically buoyant South of the country are identical to those in the less prosperous North. The result is precisely the problem which has been afflicting the Post Office in Britain and which led to last month's damaging strike. Labour shortages, high turnover and poor service in some areas of the country co-exist with an excessively comfortable life in some other areas.

One thing, admittedly, Mr Lawson might envy the Germans. Although tax reforms have been much less radical and rather more contentious in Bonn than in London, Gerhard Stoltenberg, the West German finance minister, has been able to deal with some of the special tax breaks in the German system with an enviable simplicity. Opposition to removal of the tax relief given to night-time printers was overcome by phasing in the change, on the argument that since wage rates currently reflected the favourable tax regime, a transitional period would give the printers time to negotiate a market rate on a full tax charge. It is difficult to see even post-Wapping printers accepting that line of argument very readily in Britain.

Mr Lawson can tell a good story in Brighton. But the immediate outlook described by the short-term forecast now being drawn up by the Treasury before the Autumn Statement indicates clearly enough some policy problems.

The best part of the message is an investment boom. This will help to keep productivity rising instead of levelling off as the economy slows. But inflation will stay high until the latter part of next year. Pay increases are unlikely to slow down with prices accelerating. Consumer spending is an unknown quantity until the interest rate rise begins to work through. And the current account of the balance of payments looks likely to be in hefty deficit for some time.

It is clearly a time for caution, and that indicates tough decisions on public spending. In spite of raising the total by £5.5 billion at the end of the last survey, the reserve incorporated in next year's figures was already depleted before the current talks began between the Chief Secretary, John Major, and his Cabinet colleagues.

After the July increase in local authority current expenditure and the knock-on effect of this year's pay settlements in the public sector there was perhaps only £1 billion left to accommodate all the bids for extra spending if a prudent reserve was to be retained for in-year emergencies. Another increase in the totals seems unavoidable, but it will need to be kept as small as possible.

This is not a message Mr Lawson need spell out too clearly in Brighton, but keeping the lid on spending will certainly have political implications. Mrs Thatcher has habitually stubbed her toe on the political rocks surrounding the Health Service. To make room for priority spending areas like the NHS will require radical thinking on the non-priority areas.

Rodney Lord
Economics Editor

CE Heath reshape in Australia

By Richard Thomson

CE Heath, the insurance broker, is involved in a capital restructuring of its Australian operations after the nationalization of workers' compensation insurance, one of the company's main interests there.

CE Heath International is being established with capital of Aus$55 million (£25.6 million), including equity capital of Aus$10 million. This will take over and develop most of CE Heath's insurance operations in Australia, excluding workers' compensation.

At the same time, the remaining workers' compensation business will be taken over by a company called U&I and run off over about four years. CE Heath International is buying the rest of U&I's insurance operations for Aus$30 million in cash, plus Aus$10 million for goodwill.

The arrangements have been approved by Australia's insurance authorities, which required the company's capital backing in Australia to be readjusted after the changes in workers' compensation.

High Court hearing gives investors hope of reimbursement

The bell tolls for DPR Futures

By Lawrence Lever

The death-knell is likely to sound in the High Court this week for DPR Futures, the controversial firm which specialized in high-pressure selling of futures contracts over the telephone to private investors.

This Wednesday, the Securities and Investments Board, the City watchdog, is to petition the High Court for the formal winding-up of DPR, which made millions of pounds through its methods.

As the bell tolls for DPR, the thousands of investors who lost money dealing with the firm may be given renewed hope of having at least some of it returned. Fraud squad officers investigating DPR are expected to meet soon to discuss whether any action should be taken against the company and its founders.

DPR's methods involved its salesmen repeatedly telephoning investors at home and at work to persuade them to deal in speculative futures contracts. The firm charged excessive commissions, averaging about 50 per cent of the stake money put up by investors.

The salesmen were primarily motivated by the desire to generate commissions for the company. They were so successful that at one point DPR was making profits equivalent to more than £10 million a year. But the high level of commission and the method of trading clients' contracts made it virtually certain that an investor dealing with the firm over a period of time would lose money. This is one aspect which is expected to be examined by fraud squad officers.

In July this year the SIB secured the provisional winding-up of DPR as being in the public interest, and appointed the Official Receiver as provisional liquidator. It also froze DPR's business and assets.

If the SIB is successful, Wednesday's court hearing will represent the final confirmation of DPR's closure. Mr Alastair Annand, the chairman of the Association of Futures Brokers and Dealers, whose investigation into DPR precipitated the company's demise, said yesterday that he did not think DPR would oppose the winding-up petition.

The petition, and the grounds on which it is presented, should provide valuable ammunition for former DPR investors, who may recover some of their money.

This is because the "public interest" grounds on which DPR is being wound up includes matters such as charging excessive commission and dealing without prior authority from clients.

Individual investors who want to claim against the company for these reasons will find the evidence supporting the winding-up petition very useful. It will not, however, obviate the need for investors to prove the facts of their particular cases.

The SIB does have power to order DPR to make restitution to investors who dealt with the firm after April 29 this year, when the Financial Services Act came into force.

The Times has built up a file of complaints from former DPR investors after publishing articles at the beginning of this year exposing DPR's tactics. Many of the investors were totally unsuited to futures contracts.

One investor, a sculptor, lost £24,000 with DPR. He says DPR generated commissions of about £45,000 for itself out of investing and re-investing his money.

Mr Mark Stevens, an engineer, and his father, Joseph, lost their £15,000 savings with DPR. Mr Stevens says that most of this loss occurred after DPR persuaded him and his father to hand over £12,000, supposedly for a quick in-and-out options deal on the New York Stock Exchange.

Mr Frances Jurksaitis, a magistrate, lost £3,200 even though he had given the firm specific instructions that he would invest only if his losses were limited to £2,000.

De Laurentiis receives three offers

Los Angeles (New York Times) – The De Laurentiis Entertainment Group, which filed for bankruptcy court protection in August, said it had received three preliminary offers to buy a controlling stake in the company.

The offers, for an unspecified amount of cash and securities, from the Cannon Group, the Atlantic Entertainment Group and Image Entertainment are being reviewed by the group's financial advisers and are subject to court approval.

One bidder said the primary lure was the company's North Carolina film studio and the domestic television rights to the 300-film library. When filing its Chapter 11 bankruptcy petition, the company listed assets of $163 million (£96.5 million) and liabilities of $199.7 million.

For love of the sport of princes

As well as presiding over Château Giscours, one of the best vineyards in Bordeaux's Margaux region, Pierre Tari has established the only privately funded polo team in France. With more than 100 Giscours-bred polo ponies of his own, Tari, aged 48, still plays in a team with his three sons – Benoit, Guillaume and Louis – although he and Louis, aged 14, are replaced by two professionals when it comes to matches between players with higher goal handicaps. The other two Tari sons, however, play to such a high standard that they represented France in the team which beat the Prince of Wales in the Jubilee Cup at Smith's Lawn, Windsor, in July. Tari, who has three polo grounds on his 1,000-acre estate and sees himself as the saviour of the sport in France, was taught to play by his grandfather. "It was my great-grandfather who first learned to play," he tells me, "when he was an officer in the French cavalry. He used to organize a polo tournament in Biarritz. The tradition disappeared after the Second World War and I revived it six or seven years ago." A month-long international tournament reached its finale on his estate yesterday, and he proudly tells me that polo is again a sport in France, rather than just a game. Then, in that inimitable French way he explains the distinction: "It's like the difference between an interest and love."

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

The cup that cheers

The 1988 vintage, still being picked in most vineyards, looks like being a good year for Bordeaux. "The sugar content is good and, because of the warm afternoons and cool nights during the past few weeks, the tannin content should also be good," predicts Lucien Guillement, the wine-maker at Château Giscours, after tasting the first bottle on Friday. "We will know for sure at the end of this month, when our harvesting is complete." A spokesman for Château Haut Brion agreed. While stipulating that the weather over the next few days would be crucial, she said: "We don't expect it to be as good as 1982, but it should be better than 1983."

Red-head

Vin Export, held in Bordeaux every other year, is the largest wine and spirits exhibition in the world. The highlight last year was a guest appearance by the Duke and Duchess of York. Imagine, then, the horror of the 1,000 or so assembled merchants and producers when the Duke began his speech by saying: "I never drink wine." They regained their composure when he added: "But my wife drinks it a lot."

Green shield

The familiar green bottles traditionally used for claret are, it turns out, not as old-fashioned as they look. Because wine can be damaged by sunlight as well as temperature changes an increasing number of wine châteaux are now having their bottles made from a type of glass which is more than 90 per cent resistant to ultraviolet rays.



"Not BP shares again"

● The name Beychevelles, one of the most respected vineyards in the St Julien region, is in fact a corruption of "Baissez voile," or "Lower the sail." Apparently its original owner was a retired admiral in the French navy, and as ships sailed up the Gironde river to the port of Bordeaux, the ratings were required to lower the sail and salute him as they passed his château.

Young and foolish

If you have ever screwed your nose up after tasting a cheeky little Beaujolais Nouveau, you would have won support from a man who ought to have known – René Biondin, the late maître de chais at Mouton Rothschild. At a press conference with foreign journalists last year he was asked about wines from other regions. He knew and liked some Californian wines, he said, and even had a few Spanish wines in his own cellar. But when it came to the subject of Beaujolais, his back stiffened. After being further prompted, he explained, "Wines are like your children," he said. "They are born, you bring them up as carefully as you can and then, when they have grown up, you send them out into the world. Beaujolais is not like that. It is still trying to grow up, even when it is in your glass."

Own Gaulle

With the whole of France talking about Mrs Thatcher and her opposition to some aspects of the EEC, she has been given a new nickname. Some French government officials are, I am told, calling her Madam Écueil – the French word for obstruction, or stumbling-block. And now it is catching on among the masses. Indeed, *Valeurs Actuelles*, a weekly economic journal, even went so far last week as to headline an article about her: *Mrs Thatcher – the daughter of de Gaulle.*

Carol Leonard
in Bordeaux

Favourites emerge for Steel role

By Our City Staff

NM Rothschild and County NatWest have emerged as the two clear favourites to win the job of lead underwriter in next month's £2.5 billion British Steel flotation.

The Government is expected to make its final choice tomorrow and announce the lead underwriter this week, possibly on Thursday. Last week the Government invited four potential lead underwriters to make written submissions.

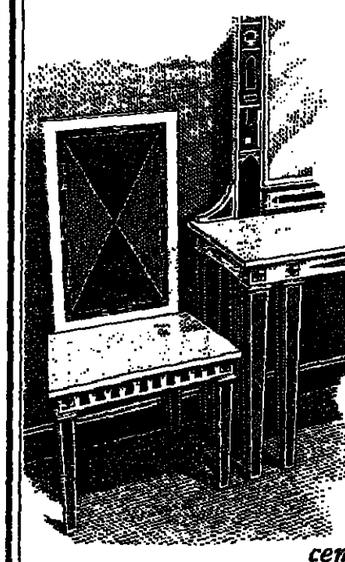
The roles of lead underwriter and principal adviser to the Government have been kept separate for the British Steel flotation in the light of last year's BP issue.

NM Rothschild played both roles in the BP flotation but when the stock market crashed and some underwriters wanted to withdraw, its dual role was thought to lead to conflicts of interest. Samuel Montagu is principal adviser to the Government on the British Steel flotation.

Commissions earned by the lead underwriter for British Steel may well be higher than the 0.018 per cent paid by the Government on the BP issue.

Then the ceiling on the maximum commission payable to the lead underwriter was set at 0.15 per cent although it is expected to be higher in the case of British Steel – possibly about 0.25 per cent, suggesting higher commissions.

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TAJ INTERNATIONAL HOTELS

Fifth of motorists hit at insurance claim 'faults'

By Vivien Goldsmith, Family Money Editor

More than a fifth of motorists who claim under their motor insurance policies are unhappy about the way their claims are settled, an Office of Fair Trading survey reports.

The survey of 9,180 adults showed that 20 per cent of the motorists had made a claim within the past two years. This suggests that a total of 3.5 million claims were made by motorists over the two-year period.

The most common reason for dissatisfaction was unreasonable delay in settling the claim, followed by the loss of no-claims discounts and the insurer refusing to pay all or part of a claim.

Claims made on policies purchased through a broker were more likely to give rise to unhappiness than those obtained directly from the insurance company. And claims made directly to the insurer were more likely to be settled amicably than those made through a broker.

The OFT, in its recommendations to the insurance industry, said documents should be made more readable, so the level of misunderstandings could be reduced. Only two-thirds of policyholders had read their policies and certificates of insurance, it added.

Insurers should make dissatisfied claimants aware of the Insurance Ombudsman Bureau or the Personal Insurance Arbitration Service if they belonged to one of those organizations, said the OFT.

The Association of British Insurers pointed out the finding that 97 per cent of policyholders were satisfied with the way their policy was sold, and 92 per cent were satisfied with the terms of the policy.

Mr Tony Baker, the ABI's general insurance manager, said: "We welcome the OFT's support for the message that motorists should read their policies and seek advice on points they do not understand."

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 12 Finance Hse 11
Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 12 Low 7 Week fixed: 11⅝
Treasury Bills (Discount %):
Buying: 2 mth – 11$^{11}/_{16}$ 3 mth – 11$^{11}/_{16}$
Selling: 2 mth – 11$^{9}/_{16}$ 3 mth – 11$^{9}/_{16}$
Prime Bank Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 11¾–11$^{11}/_{16}$ 2 mth: 11$^{11}/_{16}$–11⅝ 3 mth: 11⅝–11$^{9}/_{32}$ 6 mth 11⅝–$^{5}/_{32}$
Trade Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 12⅛ 2 mth: 12⅛ 3 mth: 12⅛ 6 mth 11⅞
Interbank (%). Overnight: open 12⅝ close 11⅞
1 week: 12-11⅞ 1 mth: 12-11⅞ 3 mth: 11$^{15}/_{16}$-11⅞
6 mth: 11$^{15}/_{16}$-⅞ 9 mth: 11$^{13}/_{16}$-11⅝ 12 mth: 11$^{13}/_{16}$-11⅝
Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day: 11⅞ 7 day: 11⅞ 1 mth: 11⅞
3 mth: 11⅞ 6 mth: 11⅞ 12 mth: 11⅞
Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mth: 11⅞–11⅝ 2 mth: 12⅜–12⅛ 3 mth: 12⅜–12⅛
6 mth: 12⅜–12⅛ 9 mth: 12⅜–12⅛ 12 mth: 12⅜–12⅛
Sterling CDs (%): 1 mth: 11$^{25}/_{32}$–$^{27}/_{32}$ 3 mth: 11$^{25}/_{32}$–$^{27}/_{32}$ 6 mth: 11$^{27}/_{32}$–⅞ 12 mth 11$^{7}/_{16}$–$^{9}/_{16}$
Dollar CDs (%): 1 mth: 8.25-8.20
3 mth: 8.50-8.45 6 mth: 8.65-8.60 12 mth 8.80-8.75

TREASURY BILLS

Applicts: £1,194m — allotted: £400m
Bids: £97.125% — received: 18%
Last week: £97.15% — received: 45%
Avge rate: £11.4603% — last wk: £11.3908%
Next week: £400m — replace £400m

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth
Dollar:	$^{8}/_{16}$–$^{7}/_{16}$	8⅝–8¾	$^{8}/_{16}$–$^{8}/_{16}$	8⅝–8¾
Call: 8¼-7¼				
Deutschemark:	4⅛-4¼	$4^{15}/_{16}$–$^{13}/_{16}$	5⅛-5	5¼-5⅛
Call: 4½-3¼				
French Franc:	7⅛-7⅜	$7^{11}/_{16}$–$^{7}/_{16}$	7⅝-7⅜	$8^{1}/_{16}$–$^{7}/_{16}$
Call: 7½-6⅞				
Swiss Franc:	3⅜-3¼	$3^{9}/_{16}$–$^{3}/_{16}$	$3^{13}/_{16}$–$^{10}/_{16}$	$3^{15}/_{16}$–$^{13}/_{16}$
Call: 3-2				
Yen:	4⅛-4¼	$4^{11}/_{16}$–$^{9}/_{16}$	4⅛-4¼	4⅛-4¼
Call: 3¼-2¼				

MONEY MARKETS

Sterling index compared with 1975 was up at 75.9 (day's range 75.8-76.1).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for October 7

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.6930-1.6995	1.6970-1.6980	0.68-0.67pr	1.40-1.37pr
Montrl	2.0478-2.0547	2.0491-2.0529	0.37-0.22pr	0.55-0.39pr
Amstrdm	3.5587-3.5673	3.5620-3.5658	2¼-2pr	5¾-5½pr
Brussels	85.98-86.54	86.27-87.48	35-23pr	84-69pr
Copnhgn	12.1420-12.1652	12.1420-12.1543	5¾-4½pr	12⅝-11¼pr
Dublin	1.1759-1.1813	1.1786-1.1796	55-48pr	145-133pr
Frankft	1.9558-1.9648	3.1581-3.1617	2¼-1¾pr	5¾-5¼pr
Lisbon	259.37-260.98	259.98-260.98	17-58ds	67-137ds
Madrid	208.49-209.95	208.79-209.26	18-3pr	12-35ds
Milan	2352.42-2360.14	2353.58-2358.37	5-2pr	8-3pr
Oslo	11.6785-11.7075	11.6822-11.6942	⅝-1⅛ds	3¼-4¼ds
Paris	10.7539-10.7816	10.7655-10.7770	4¾-4pr	11-10¼pr
Stckhlm	10.8186-10.8408	10.8199-10.8296	2¼-1¾pr	4¾-3¾pr
Tokyo	226.04-226.53	226.19-226.49	1¾-1¾pr	4¾-3¾pr
Vienna	22.15-22.28	22.25-22.28	13⅛-12¾pr	34-31¾pr
Zurich	2.6800-2.6874	2.6804-2.6836	2¼-2pr	5½-5¼pr

Premium = pr Discount = ds.

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OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	25.01-25.16
Australia dollar	2.1239-2.1279
Bahrain dinar	0.6365-0.6405
Brazil cruzado *	642.43-645.78
Cyprus pound	0.81-0.82
Finland marka	7.4501-7.4613
Greece drachma	255.25-256.75
Hong Kong dollar	13.2620-13.2716
India rupee	24.59-24.79
Kuwait dinar KD	0.487-0.491
Malaysia ringgit	4.5581-4.5625
Mexico peso	3850-3950
New Zealand dollar	2.7468-2.7530
Saudi Arabia riyal	8.3712-8.3767
Singapore dollar	3.4559-3.4597
S Africa rand (fin)	6.8559-7.0015
S Africa rand (com)	4.2232-4.2312
U A E dirham	5.20-5.24

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DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4405-1.4420	Denmark	7.1525-7.1575
Singapore	2.0365-2.0375	W Germany	1.8605-1.8615
Malaysia	2.6860-2.6870	Switzerland	1.5808-1.5818
Australia	1.2515-1.2531	Netherlands	2.0980-2.0990
Canada	1.2080-1.2090	France	6.3375-6.3475
Sweden	6.3750-6.3900	Japan	133.10-133.20
Norway	6.8820-6.8870		

Italy	1386.0-1387.0
Belgium (Com)	39.00-39.03
Hong Kong	7.8150-7.8160
Portugal	152.90-153.40
Spain	122.85-122.95
Austria	13.07-13.08

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UNLISTED SECURITIES

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
5,846,000	A & M Gp	9½				
69.5m	ASD	36	●+½	14.0	3.9	11.3
9,259,000	ATA Selection	218	●+4	8.0	3.7	16.6
13.9m	Abbr Pet	27				
7,920,000	Aberdeen Sth Hse	98		2.0	2.0	16.3
22.5m	Acal	168	+4	4.7	2.8	13.3
15.9m	Adcorn Comp	24				
26.1m	Acats Group	166				53.5
19.1m	Airspring	155		6.6	4.0	10.2
3,147,000	Akers Inv	98		5.5	5.4	10.6
6,995,000	Alt Restaurants	33		2.0	3.8	9.7
46.3m	Amer Blue Sys	124	+11	2.3	1.8	54.9
10.1m	Amber	173		4.8	2.8	14.2
39.1m	App Holographics	272				
92.4m	Arbn Energy	57				66.2
38.7m	Ashtead	318	●-2	8.2	1.0	17.0
51.6m	Aspen Comms	485	●-2	7.3b	1.5	21.8
169.7m	Asprey	332		8.3	2.0	14.4
3,947,000	Assoc Energy	57			1.8	59.4
7,413,000	Assoc Nursing	166		2.7	2.0	17.4
15.5m	Atlantic Sec	68				
18.6m	Aztec Equipment	38		0.3	4.0	12.9
6,500,000	Automagic	115	●-2	5.7	7.8	17.5
3,100,000	BBR Design	38		2.0	5.3	9.2
8,398,000	BCS	30		1.3	4.3	27.3
11.5m	BLP Group	102	●-2	4.3	5.4	18.7
3,809,000	BTS Grp	74		5.7	7.7	47.1
10.4m	BWD	111	+1	5.0	4.5	9.0
18.5m	Bakercorp	228		7.8	3.5	15.3
3,943,000	Bedford (William)	61		0.6d	0.6	7.7
6,012,000	Bensons Chips	81		1.1	1.4	15.9
5,749,000	Berry Birch & Noble	55		6.0	6.8	8.6
4,216,000	Bibbis&Bottrarce	105	●-1	5.5	5.8	12.5
3,740,000	Bio Isolates	33				
10.2m	Biomechanics	37				
3,781,000	Blanchards	55				
73.0m	Blenheim Exhib	510		7.1	1.2	50.7
21.8m	Bluebird Toys	350		8.5	2.2	10.5
4,048,000	Border TV	40	●+½	2.3	5.8	9.5
49.7m	Borland	191				
6,000,000	Brewmaker	12				15.8
7,197,000	Br Bloodstock	209	+1	11.7	5.7	35.8
16.9m	Br Island	94		2.7	2.9	10.8
16.8m	Broad St	137		1.9	2.7	45.1
47.3m	Broadwell Land	185		5.5	3.0	8.4
69.4m	Brogsumont	505		7.0	1.4	16.4
18.8m	Bulls Resources	4				2.9
41.2m	Burford	340	+15	9.0	2.6	39.1
10.2m	CCA Publications	193	●-2	4.0	4.5	27.4
17.5m	CDS	130		4.5	3.8	6.4
221.7m	CML Micro	235		1.9	1.4	15.5
8,868,000	CPU Comp	356				15.2
20.7m	CSL Corp	258		2.9	2.7	19.4
	Cairn Energy	355				
2,849,000	Caledonian	80				
14.5m	Cap & Regional	128		0.5	0.4	48.2
15.5m	Carron Phoenix	140		4.7	3.4	
9,546,000	Cassis Comm	350	+5	8.3	2.7	17.7
180.1m	Catalyst	330		6.8	1.8	12.2
9,800,000	Chart Motor	187	●-2	9.3b	3.4	15.5
14.3m	Chelsea Man	133		3.9	2.9	14.5
16.3m	Chestergrave Gp	137		4.0	2.9	16.6
2,100,000	Chiroscience	9	+1			5.1
6,172,000	Chrsptnl	117		2.3	2.2	7.7
5,817,000	City of Lon	73	-3	2.3	3.2	10.7
36.6m	Clydesm	258	+1	6.7	2.6	
2,849,000	Colecraven	80		2.5	3.2	12.3
14.5m	Cop



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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Hunting Group	Industrials E-K	
2	Plaston	Motors Aircraft	
3	Appex	Building,Roads	
4	Next (aa)	Drapery,Stores	
5	Anglo Leasing	Banks,Discount	
6	Crest Nicholson	Building,Roads	
7	Transcontinental	Industrials S-Z	
8	Underwoods	Drapery,Stores	
9	Jermyn	Property	
10	Johnson Cleaners	Industrials E-K	
11	Marks Spencer (aa)	Drapery,Stores	
12	PTR (aa)	Industrials A-D	
13	Brathwaite Grp	Industrials A-D	
14	Ungate (aa)	Foods	
15	Thorn Grp (aa)	Drapery,Stores	
16	Dalgety (aa)	Foods	
17	Douglas (RM)	Building,Roads	
18	Banks (Ben) Constr	Building,Roads	
19	Delta	Industrials A-D	
20	Bass (aa)	Breweries	
21	Sears (aa)	Drapery,Stores	
22	Stanley	Building,Roads	
23	Hestair	Industrials E-K	
24	T & N (aa)	Industrials S-Z	
25	Lamc Prop	Property	
26	Arlo Eng	Industrials A-D	
27	Alexon	Drapery,Stores	
28	Charter Cons	Property	
29	Thorn Emi	Industrials E-K	
30	Racal	Electricals	
31	Rank Org	Leisure	
32	Scottish	Electricals	
33	Smith (Hldgs)	Industrials L-R	
34	Ti Fraser	Leisure	
35	Tesco	Foods	
36	Wilson (Connolly)	Building,Roads	
37	Ffi Fyffes	Foods	
38	Ind Comp Bourne	Industrials E-K	
39	Tesco (aa)	Foods	
40	NB Group (aa)	Industrials L-R	
41	Fairview	Industrials L-R	
42	First Leisure	Leisure	
43	Thorpe (James)	Paper,Print,Adv	
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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Capitalization and change on week

(Current market price multiplied by the number of shares in issue for the stock quoted)
ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began October 3. Dealings end October 14. §Contango day October 17. Settlement day October 24.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

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BREWERIES

Capitalization £m	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
3,378.1m	Allied-Lyons (aa)	463	+5	17.3	3.7	13.8
2,713.5m	Bass (aa)	794	+4	26.9	3.4	11.9
98.8m	Belhaven	83	-2	10	1.9	20.7
135.2m	Boddington	146	+5	5.4	3.7	15.1
24.5m	Buckleys	151	+13	4.3	2.9	46.6
80.5m	Bullmer (H P)	156	-16	9.7	6.2	10.4
36.2m	Burrowwood Brew	174	-3	4.2	2.4	21.5
34.5m	Clark (Matthew)	386		14.7	3.8	10.7
121.9m	Devenish (JA)	205		9.9	4.8	12.1
299.7m	Greenall Whitley	238		8.3	3.5	13.6
192.0m	Greene King	457	-7	9.9	2.2	20.3
2,989.6m	Guinness (aa)	336	+3½	12.6	3.8	10.8
30.8m	Hardys & Hansons	770		30.0	3.9	14.4
159.6m	Highland Distl	129	+16	3.4	2.6	20.2
81.8m	Invergordon Distl	356	+16	8.3	2.3	21.5
262.0m	Irish Distl	414	-1			
136.2m	Marston Thompson	195				
53.0m	Morland	638		16.9	1.7	25.2
723.6m	SA Breweries	778	-5			
1,313.3m	Scot & New (aa)	360	+23	12.2	3.4	17.7
317.7m	Vaux Grp	572	-4	21.6b	3.8	10.5
1,230.6m	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	296	-2	14.1	4.8	11.0
107.8m	Do B	650		14.1	2.2	24.2
243.5m	Whitbread Inv	388	+3	12.3	3.2	41.0
296.4m	Wolverhampton & D	412	+5	15.2	3.7	25.9
14.3m	Young 'A'	495		12.3	2.5	26.9

BUILDING, ROADS

Capitalization £m	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
87.1m	Abbey	225	+7			
262.9m	Amec	379	-2	19.3	5.1	10.8
60.7m	Anglia Sec	405	+3	34	8.4	23.8
53.2m	Anglo Utd	44		1.3	3.0	21.1
7,750.000	Armitage	155	-1	3.9	2.5	9.8
169.9m	Ashwoods	252		9.7	3.8	16.6
1,074.6m	BPB Ind (aa)	263	+5	11.3	4.3	9.1
56.5m	Baggeridge Brick	278	+1	5.0	1.8	19.6
4,494.000	Bailey (Benj) Constr	86	+9	2.5	3.4	11.7
312.8m	Barratt Devs	178	-7	14.9	8.5	5.7
61.7m	Bellway	244	+4	10.7	4.4	11.8
28.7m	Bellwinch	83	-2	5.0	6.0	5.6
61.7m	Berkeley Gp	293	+10	7.7	2.6	13.1
15.7m	Bett Bros	105		4.8	4.6	24.2
45.0m	Bloodstays	375	-5	9.7	2.6	20.4
1,189.9m	Blue Circle (aa)	455	+15	21.3	4.7	10.8
49.4m	Do 9% 'A'	102	+1	8.0	7.8	...
2,067.4m	Wells Fargo	238½	+½			
38.2m	Wimpey	453	-5	9.3	2.1	18.7
6,720.000	Caledonian Robey	128		5.1	4.0	22.3
208.1m	Camdon	339	+4	10.7	3.2	12.6
52.4m	Church Charles	107	+5	4.3	4.0	12.7
27.5m	Conder Grp	335		8.7	2.6	11.4
102.2m	Copson PLC	176		4.0	2.3	21.7
591.5m	Costain	334	+14	16.0	4.8	13.7
91.0m	Countryside	253		3.6	1.4	32.0
152.3m	Crest Nicholson	218	+9	8.3	3.8	10.9
13.0m	Crosby James	119	+1	2.7	2.3	8.3
49.4m	Douglas (RM)	293	+6	5.5	1.9	22.9
17.4m	Edmond Hdgs	34½	+½	2.5	7.4	11.9
44.5m	Emh	108	+7	4.4	4.1	14.6
25.5m	Federated Hsg	281	+6	7.7	2.7	18.3
29.5m	Fetter Gp	88		6.8	7.7	12.6
28.5m	Galliford	73	+3	4.3	5.9	12.6
4,611.000	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	265	+5	3.5	1.3	34.8
53.0m	Gleeson (MJ)	530		9.3	1.8	12.7
21.3m	Harrison Ind	263	+2	8.1	3.1	19.7
169.8m	Hawker-Siddeley	124	+2	2.9	2.3	12.7
141.7m	Heywood Williams	286	+3	13.3	4.7	10.4
119.4m	Higgs & Hill	355	+21	13.3	3.7	11.1
33.1m	How Gp	84	+3	1.5	1.8	14.7
14.9m	Howard Hdgs	56	+1	1.7	3.0	9.4
347.7m	Ibstock Johnsen	177	+12	6.0	3.4	11.5
15.1m	James (J) & Sons	161	-1			
136.7m	Laing (J)	347	+17	10.7	3.5	9.1
69.5m	Lawrence (Walter)	150	+4	6.3	4.2	9.4
93.5m	Lilley (F,C)	50½				58.7
117.9m	Lovell (YJ)	208	+3	7.0	3.4	10.3
267.3m	Magnet (aa)	212	+4	11.3	5.3	10.6
58.5m	Manders	197		7.6	3.9	22.0
450.1m	Marley	183	+8	7.3	4.5	11.6
97.9m	Marshalls (Halifax)	236	+11	9.7	4.1	11.6
25.5m	Mayflex (JJ)	105	+6	4.2	4.0	10.2
106.2m	McAlpine (Alfred)	307	+50	21.5	7.0	6.2
197.1m	McCarthy & S	392	+21	5.7	1.5	11.8
379.3m	Meyer Int	388	+20	12.7	3.2	10.4
14.1m	Miller (Stanley)	225	+5	23.7	10.5	...
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103.9m	Newman Tonks	167	-2	10.5	6.3	12.2
127.7m	Persimmon	168	+4	6.0b	3.6	13.5
14.1m	Pilkington Timber	100		3.3	3.3	12.5
8,372.000	Prichens	805	+48	21.3	2.6	8.9
52.6m	Pynwing	167	+2	5.3	3.0	11.5
954.2m	RMC Gp (aa)	500	+12	16.1	3.2	11.9
100.7m	Rank Ind	98	+1	2.7	3.2	17.3
1,140.7m	Regional (aa)	429	+11	24.1	4.9	10.0
121.1m	Rugenell	2990		51.4	4.9	10.0
398.9m	Rugby Group	138	+10	9.2	4.5	12.4
112.7m	Sandell Perkins	261	+20	12	2.8	12.9
60.3m	Shanks & Fisher	304	+5	5.1	2.3	10.3
12.9m	Smart (J)	128	-4	7.2	5.6	19.1
495.7m	Sneaney	332	+4	13.3	4.0	11.8
1,742.7m	Tarmac (aa)	240	+10	10.3	4.2	11.7
942.7m	Taylor Woodrow (aa)	508	+17	14.7	2.9	12.5
72.9m	Tilbury Group	390	-5	12.8	3.6	11.7
204.9m	Travis & Arnold	578	+78	9.1	1.6	21.3
12.5m	Trent	183	-1	2.0	1.1	26.8
66.0m	Tunnl	369		12.1	3.3	10.2
61.2m	Viceroplant	156	+5	3.3	2.1	12.1
40.5m	Ward Group	185	+18	6.1	3.3	14.7
71.4m	Ward Hdgs	136	+3	3.2	2.4	9.7
94.3m	Watts Blake	91	+10	4.8	5.2	10.7
113.2m	Westbury	228	+13	7.3	3.2	9.3
41.0m	Wiggins	264	+2	8.7	3.3	12.0
172.6m	Wilcon Bowden	299		6.5	2.5	14.4
304.3m	Wilcon (Connolly)	172	+9	3.5	2.1	15.5
737.0m	Wimpey G (aa)	258	+12	10.3	4.0	10.8
14.5m	YRM	121		4.0	3.3	11.7

BRITISH FUNDS

Stock	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Int gross yield	Gross Red yield
SHORTS (under Five Years)				
Treas 11¾	99¹⁵/₃₂	-1/32		11.5
Treas 13¼	108	-1/32		10.8
Treas 10½	99¾	-1/32		10.1
Treas 10½	99¾	-1/32		10.1
Treas 9½	96¹⁵/₃₂	-1/32		9.8

Lift truck manufacturer accelerates plans to boost productivity

Boss adds 100 jobs in bid to join top 10

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Boss, formerly Lancer Boss, which leads the British lift truck market, is to hasten plans aimed at doubling turnover and productivity, with the short-term prospect of adding 100 jobs at its base in Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire. The jobs represent a 13 per cent increase in the Bedfordshire workforce.

Sir Neville Bowman-Shaw, chairman of Boss, is hastening the move in the wake of last month's takeover by West Germany's Linde of Lansing Bagnall, previously the British market leader.

Lansing Bagnall has an ageing product line while Boss has introduced several new products. But Sir Neville has no illusions about the way the sector is moving towards greater competition and then rationalization.

He said: "To survive in this business will mean being big and for us that means being in the fast lane."

Sir Neville, aged 57, is also the chief executive and principal shareholder of Boss, which he founded in 1957. He sets great store by the younger management team he has been recruiting.

Boss claims to be number three in Europe and number 15 in the world among lift truck manufacturers, and wants to be eighth in the world by 1995. The four largest makers are Bulgaria's Balkancar, Hyster and Clark in the United States and Linde.

To help it reach the top 10, Boss will by this time next year have completed a restructuring of its product lines which started nine years ago. The emphasis is switching to marketing and maintaining the product line-up which spans from one to 50 tonne machines, including frontlifts, sidelifts and container lifts. There is to be further upgrading of manufacturing facilities in Britain, West Germany and Spain. The British investment amounts to £3 million.

Last month Boss reported full year pre-tax profits of £4 million (£300,000) on turnover up a fifth to £106.2 million. Productivity rose 19 per cent in the year.

In the five years to 1987 Boss more than doubled its turnover to £88 million in the 12 months to March last year. Net assets stand at £29 million. It is very much a cash company with virtually no gearing; shareholders take no dividends and investment is written off in the year it is incurred.

Boss sees itself as tending to act ahead of industry fashion. In the 1970s it was increasing turnover per employee and then later, when others were catching on to the need to become leaner and fitter, it bought companies for growth. In 1983 it rescued West Germany's ailing Steinbock, rationalized its product range and turned it to profit within six months.

Design and development of heavier vehicles, including side lift trucks, are being done by the Leighton Buzzard team and Sir Neville says the company is aiming to achieve a new range of state of the art products.

Boss is involved in deals to make vehicles for other companies to sell under their own brand names, including Japan's Nissan and Komatsu, and Clark in the United States.

But Sir Neville said Boss has "no divine right to stay independent.



Boss in the fast lane: Sir Neville Bowman-Shaw, the chairman and founder

Teddy bears revive as makers run out of new toy ideas

By Rosemary Unsworth, Retail Affairs Correspondent

Traditional toys are enjoying a revival because of the dearth of new ideas in the toy market. Keynote, the market research firm, says toys which are selling well include Lego construction bricks, which were developed 50 years ago, teddy bears and doll's houses.

Dinky and Meccano, which have both been around since the early part of the 20th Century, Tri-Ang and Chad Valley are also experiencing a revival, Keynote says. But it gives a warning that children's tastes are fickle and it has become increasingly difficult to foresee a money spinner in the toy world, forcing manufacturers to diversify to counteract swings in demand.

Children are also maturing earlier so they lose interest in traditional playthings at a younger age. In the past, toys were bought for children up to the age of 15, but the market now stops at 11.

By the time children are eight years old, they are the sole decision makers for any toy purchase. However British parents should be thankful for some mercies: average spending per child in Britain is £80 compared with £180 in the US and £90 in West Germany.

Imports account for nearly 70 per cent of the British toy market. US and Japanese companies use fantasy, emotion and excitement in their products, linking them to television or feature films and promoting them with high advertising budgets. The traditional Christmas sales time has also ceased to be the most important period of the year for retailers and manufacturers. December used to account for three-quarters of sales but this dropped to 30 per cent in 1987, although the last quarter of the year still accounts for about 65 per cent of sales.

● The popularity of chilled foods is set to continue as new products are developed. But sales of more traditional products such as cooked meats will decline as consumers stop eating fat, says Keynote in another report.

Leading food retailers, notably Tesco, seized the opportunity in the early 1980s provided by several popular books on nutrition and diet to develop chilled food, which sold at a premium and was well received by consumers because of its freshness. These new products provided one of the few growth areas in an otherwise static food market, says Keynote.

● *Toys and Games and Chilled Foods are published by Keynote, 28-42 Banner St, London EC1 8QE.*

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No duty to process claim quickly

Regina v Secretary of State for Social Services, Ex parte Child Poverty Action Group and Others

Before Lord Justice Balcombe, Lord Justice Woolf and Lord Justice Russell

[Judgment October 7]

Under the statutory framework provided by sections 98 and 99 of the Social Security Act 1975, as amended in Schedule 5 of the Social Security Act 1986, for the processing of benefit claims, the Secretary of State for Social Services was entitled to carry out certain administrative tasks before referring a claim to an adjudication officer; there was no duty to have an adjudication officer available immediately to consider the claim, and a decision on the claim could be lawfully reached after 14 days if it was not practicable for it to be reached earlier.

The Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal by the applicants, the Child Poverty Action Group, Hackney London Borough Council, Islington London Borough Council and the National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux, from the decision of Mr Justice Schiemann (*The Times* February 15, 1988) dismissing their application for judicial review.

Section 98 of the Social Security Act 1975, as amended, provides: "(1) There shall be submitted forthwith to an adjudication officer for determination in accordance with sections 99 to 104 below (a) any claim for benefit (b) . . . any question arising in connection with a claim . . . ".

Section 99 provides: "(1) An adjudication officer to whom a claim or question is submitted under section 98 shall take it into consideration and, so far as practicable, dispose of it in accordance with this section, and with procedure regulations under section 115, within 14 days of its submission to him."

Mr Richard Drabble for the applicants; Mr Michael Beloff, QC, Mr Duncan Ouseley and Mr Richard McManus for the secretary of state.

LORD JUSTICE WOOLF, delivering the judgment of the court, said that the appeal raised issues as to the proper construction of sections 98 and 99 of the 1975 Act.

The applicants contended that those statutory provisions had been wrongly interpreted by the secretary of state and the chief adjudication officer and in consequence claims for supplementary benefit had not been administered in accordance with the duties placed upon them.

The secretary of state contended that he was entitled in accordance with the practice which he adopted previously in respect of claims for supplementary benefit or single payments to carry out certain administrative tasks before a claim was referred to an adjudication officer, that there was no duty to have an adjudication officer available immediately to consider the claim and that a decision could be lawfully reached after 14 days if it was not practicable for a decision to be reached earlier, for example, because of a sudden influx of claims or because of the non-availability of adjudication officers because of sickness or some other reason.

The judge had accepted the secretary of state's and the chief adjudication officer's view of their statutory requirements and he refused to grant any declaratory relief to the applicants.

It was the court's conclusion that the duty to submit the claim "forthwith" did not arise until the department was in possession not only of the claim form but the basic information which was required to enable a claim to be determined and it was in order for the department to take the necessary steps to obtain that information before submitting the claim. The department was not, however, entitled to delay submitting a claim once that information was available.

The length of time available for determination under section 99 in practice set the limit on the time available for consideration. Because the decision had to be taken within 14 days where practicable, the consideration stage had also to be completed within 14 days where practicable.

So long as the consideration stage enabled disposal to take place within 14 days or, where that was not practicable, as early as was reasonably practicable thereafter, the time requirements of section 99 were complied with.

Section 99 did not require matters independent of the claim to be ignored in deciding what was practical. The volume of claims awaiting determination and the number of investigating officers available to deal with the claims were examples of matters which could be relevant to the decision as to whether or not it was practicable to come to a determination within the 14-day period.

Mr Drabble pointed out that if there was a drastic shortage in the number of officers available the officers would be unable to process claims within 14 days no matter how simple or urgent they were; and that the secretary of state was under a duty to appoint such number of adjudicating officers as would enable an officer to be available to consider a claim promptly as soon as it was submitted.

Their Lordships did not regard the statutory scheme as creating the duty for which Mr Drabble contended. It would lead to an absurd situation if the number of adjudicating officers to be appointed was dictated by the largest conceivable number of difficult claims which could arise for consideration at any one time. For no good reason Parliament would have placed a duty on the secretary of state which would inevitably be breached if there was some emergency which could not be anticipated.

Solicitors: Miss Penelope B. Wood; DHSS Solicitor.

Incorporation not apt

Federal Bulk Carriers Inc v C. Itoh & Co Ltd and Others (The Federal Bunker)

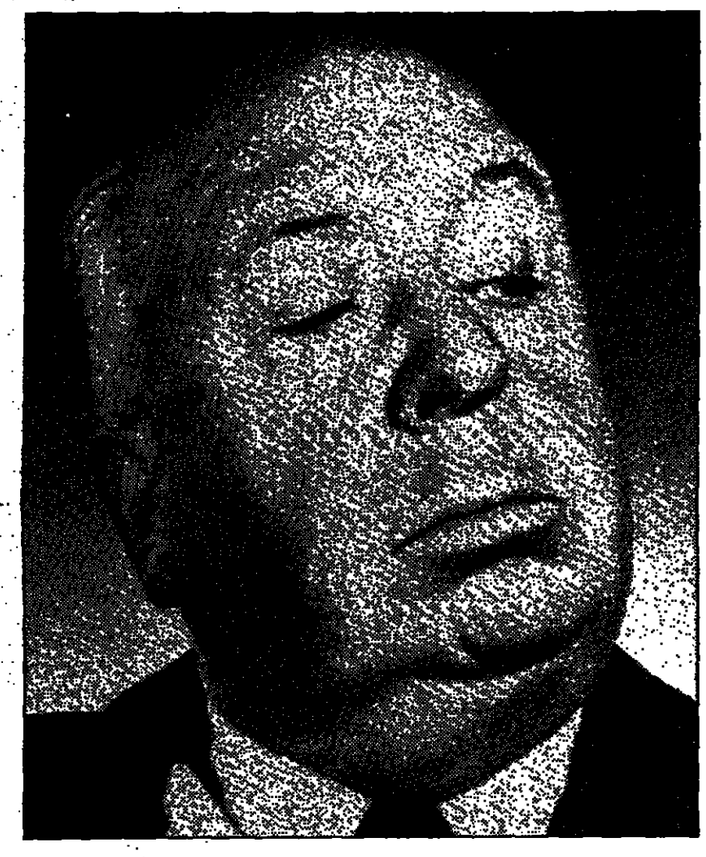
A clause in a bill of lading which provided "All terms, conditions and exceptions as per charterparty . . . to be considered as fully incorporated herein as if fully written" was not apt to incorporate a Centrocon arbitration clause into a bill of lading issued under the charterparty.

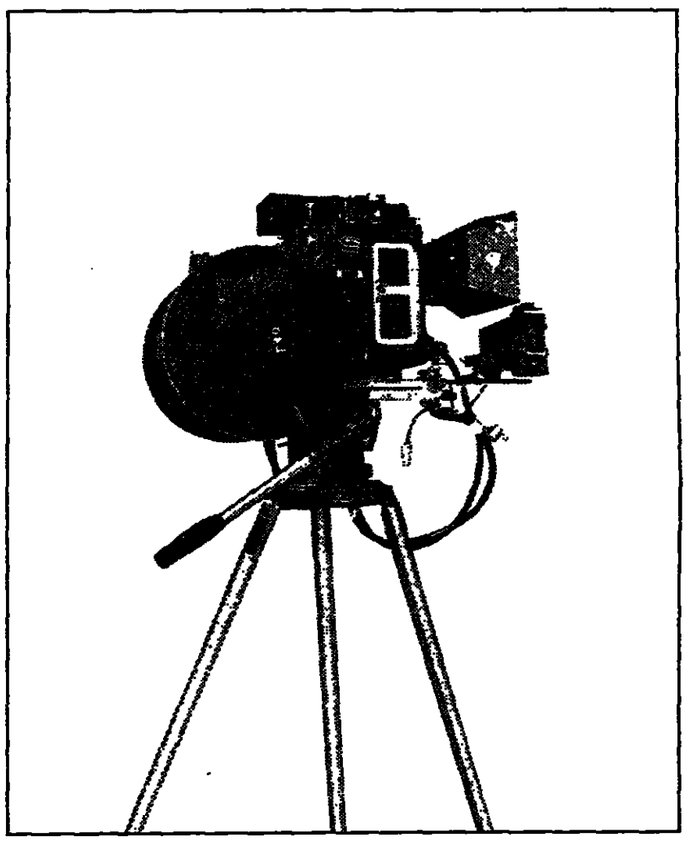
The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Bingham and Lord Justice Butler-Sloss) so held on October 7, dismissing an appeal by the defendant cargo owners from a decision of Mr Justice Evans of December 18, 1987, declaring that there was no arbitration agreement subsisting between them and the plaintiff shipowners, Federal Bulk Carriers Inc, relating to cargo carried on the Federal Bulker under bills of lading dated February 25, 1986.

LORD JUSTICE BINGHAM said that *Thomas & Co Ltd v Portsea SS Co Ltd* ([1912] AC 1) could not be distinguished on the ground that the words were used in a different context or that in 1911 arbitration clauses had been viewed with less favour than today.

In *The Merak* ([1965] P 223) the Court of Appeal had considered the effect of incorporating words which had included the word "clauses", which was not found in the present case. It had considered the language to be very wide. On reading *Thomas & Co Ltd v Portsea SS Co Ltd* and *The Merak* together the line had been drawn, and the appeal should be decided in the plaintiff's favour.

On the question whether the arbitration agreement was apt to be included the appeal also failed.





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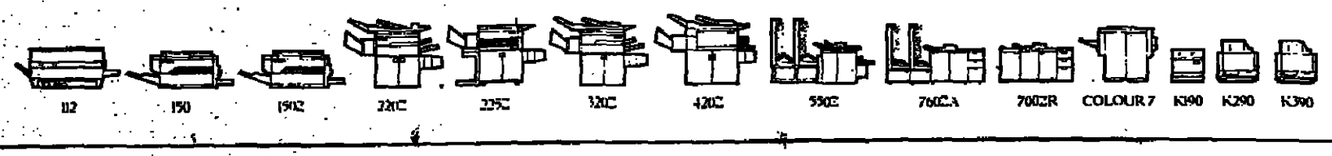
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School of Education

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EDUCATION

Public schools rebel over examination syllabus

Whither A levels?



"We need A level breadth, but not at the expense of depth"

Kenneth Baker, above

Last week's rebellion by 18 leading public schools against changes in the factual content of A level chemistry syllabuses marks the opening shot in a row which ministers must have hoped they had laid to rest for the time being.

When the Education Secretary, Kenneth Baker, rejected proposals from a committee of inquiry into A level under Professor Gordon Higginson, the vice-chancellor of Southampton University, he left a question mark hanging over the future of the examination.

The professor had recommended replacing the three-subject A level with a "leaner, fitter" five-subject system. He argued that depth of study could be retained while the mass of factual content in each subject could be cut drastically. The new A level would enable sixth-formers to study a broad range of subjects up to age 18.

Mr Baker argued that schools were already undergoing enough trauma adapting to the new GCSE and disclosed Government misgivings — privately believed to originate from the Prime Minister — about reducing the factual content of A level.

The public schools, including Harrow, Rugby and Winchester, clearly share Mrs Thatcher's concern about the watering down of factual content. Their spokesman, Dr Peter Cattermole, head of science at Winchester, said their concern went beyond the classroom. Without the base of knowledge traditionally provided by A level, pupils would find it impossible to get on at university without compensating changes in university courses.

But making such changes would deprive a generation of the base of knowledge which provided the foundation for scientific advance.

When the first A Levels were taken in 1951 they were seen as a way of raising standards. But educational theory began to change in the 1960s and the concept of following a narrow range of subjects through to 18 came under attack.

More recently, the value of an examination which is seen as too closely tailored to the needs of the universities and polytechnics has been called into question.

Many young people use their A levels to go straight into a job rather than to university, prompting many bodies, including the Secondary Heads Association, to call for A level to be less academic.

Protagonists on both sides hoped that Professor Higginson's report would settle at least some of the questions. But Mr Baker's rejection of its main recommendations has left a vacuum.

While the debate rages, changes are already quietly being made — hence the public schools' protest. Exam boards are trimming what they see as "excessive" amounts of content.

The nature of the exam is changing too. George Turnbull, spokesman for the Associated Examining Board, said: "Many of the people speaking in the debate about A level are 20 years behind the times."

His board already awards 30 per cent of the marks on one of its A level English Literature syllabuses to coursework, a percentage which will rise to 50 per cent next year.

Not that the course has been without controversy. At a recent briefing for teachers in London exam board officials suggested that creative writing might soon be accepted as part of the Literature course.

Another suggested pupils could study television programmes instead of works of literature, an idea which will do nothing to calm the fears of those concerned about standards in A level.



Seeking change: Professor Higginson advocates a "leaner, fitter" exam

But in his latest comments on the exam, Mr Baker has sought to reassure parents and educationists. Sadly his comments, to a meeting of university vice-chancellors, went unreported.

But he gave an insight into why the Government had rejected Professor Higginson's proposal. "What we could not accept was the recommendation to slim down the content of A level courses," he said. "We need breadth, but not at the expense of depth.

"Possession of an A level should be evidence that a subject has been studied in depth. That means coverage of a certain amount of content. No doubt some A level syllabuses can benefit from slimming down and this is happening.

"But Higginson's proposals implied a drastic cutting back on content. We judged that too radical a step."

Mr Baker made it clear that he was placing his faith in AS levels — the so-called half an A level which takes just a year to complete — to broaden sixth-form study.

He may well be right in placing his faith in that quarter. But the question troubling many parents and teachers remains unanswered — whither A level?

Douglas Broom
Education Reporter

Funding blacks in South Africa

"White and black South Africans share no myths, and no heroes: coming to a multiracial university is one of the few experiences they can share," said Dr Stuart Saunders, the vice-chancellor of the University of Cape Town.

Universities and their students are in the front-line of opposition to the South African government — while at the same time relying on it for funding, which has been cut by 10 per cent over the last five years.

The cuts have hit projects to increase the number of black students coming to university who are disadvantaged because they are are educated apart from the whites in schools run by the Department of Education and Training (African). These are, according to Dr Saunders, "inadequately staffed, with unqualified teachers and poorly equipped".

"We accept more black students than come. The biggest problem is finance. We try and increase the amount the university funds but we have to protect the core of the university — the library and materials — so our efforts are very limited," he told *The Times* during a visit to London.

Students have to pay 30 per cent of their tuition fees (the rest is met by the government) and the full cost of their maintainance, which, Dr Saunders estimates, comes to about R9,000 (£2,200) each year.

The university has about 3,000 black students studying alongside 10,000 whites in one of the few parts of the country where they are allowed to share accommodation and are treated on a basis of absolute equality.

"We are not satisfied that the school-leaving exam adequately reflects a black student's full potential and so have set up a programme to admit students based on other qualities," said Dr Saunders. "We admit reports from the candidate's community leader and parson and base our selection on essays and interviews."

Dr Saunders is emphatic that the future well-being of the republic depends on the universities continuing to produce the "economic manpower" for the nation to compete, and "establishing a common experience between black and white young people at a crucial stage in their development".

"I can only believe that this bodes well for the country," said Dr Saunders who was in Britain on a low-key mission to generate financial support for black students to attend UCT.

He said that the funds are needed to build more accommodation blocks for the undergraduates, which are often the only places where black students can afford, or are allowed, to stay.

"The maintainance of our standards and increasing the number of black students is essential to the well-being of the whole of southern Africa over the coming troubled decades," he said.

Sam Kiley
Universities Reporter

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The appointment will be at a salary within the professorial range (current minimum £23,380, average £28,820, but subject to review from 1 April 1989.)

Further particulars may be obtained from the Registrar (Academic & General), to whom applications should be returned by 21 November 1988. Informal enquiries may be made to Professor G. Gregory (Tel: 0509 223101) Loughborough Leicestershire LE11 3TU

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RUGBY UNION: TENDON TROUBLE PUTS ENGLAND AND HARLEQUINS CENTRE ON SIDELINES FOR A MONTH

Salmon out of London team

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

Jamie Salmon, the Harlequins and England centre, has withdrawn from the match between the London Division and the Australians at Twickenham on Saturday.

Though he remained on the field during his club's first Courage Clubs Championship success of the season at the Stoop Memorial Ground on Saturday, he felt the tendon above the knee (which has troubled him for the past fortnight) go early in the game and remained largely because Harlequins had a scrum half as their backs replacement.

Pegler, the Wasps flanker, will captain London instead and Lozowski (also Wasps) will take over at centre, as he did in the warm-up match against Munster in Cork earlier this month. However, Davies, playing for Wasps' second team, proved his fitness to replace Lozowski on the London bench, where he will be joined by Smith, the Wasps and former England wing.

Salmon, disappointed at missing a chance to impress the national selectors, hopes to resume in time for Harlequins' November league programme. Carling, his joint centre, left the field late in the 15-6 win over Liverpool-St Helens with a dislocated shoulder but, though he does not intend to play this week, has no doubt about his ability to appear for the North against the Australians at Otley on October 19. Amid such travail, Thresher kicked three penalties for Harlequins and converted a try by Langhorn, against Askew's two penalties.

Leicester, the league champions, lost for the first time this season to Orrell at Welford Road. Hare kicked five penalties in their 27-15 defeat but Orrell scored tries through Kimmins, Wilkinson and Dafydd. Langford converting all three and kicking three penalties. Indeed, Leicester were loud in their praises of Langford afterwards: his game at full back was everything the North's selectors could have hoped for, regardless of the difficult wind.

Leicester were hindered by the absence, after 15 minutes, of Youngs, their scrum half, who was taken off in great pain after a kick on the back. Cusworth moved to scrum half and Hare to stand-off, with Liley making his first league appearance for the club at full back. In the second half Richardson pulled a hamstring and Richards — already the subject of intense discussion as a potential lock — moved from No. 8 to tight-head prop.

Bath, 19-6 winners over Rosslyn Park and Nottingham, who beat Waterloo 18-9, are now joint leaders of the first division, both unbeaten. Guscott, Swift and Chilcott scored tries for Bath but Nottingham had to thank Hodgkinson for his accurate boot as he kicked five penalties and a dropped goal.

Bristol, who tripped over themselves at Nottingham in their previous league outing, made no such mistake against Moseley. The 18-0 scoreline left little room for argument. Carr, Knibbs and Phillips scoring tries and Webb kicking two penalties while Bristol's lineout men, Blackmore and Skuse, dominated possession and Hone was a constant inspiration in the loose.



Locked in combat: Francis, the Irish forward, justifying all the good things that have been said of his powerful play (Photograph: Julian Herbert)

Irish success destined to be dissipated

By David Hands

London Irish	18
Northampton	10

Sunbury's ground advantages have never looked better than they did on Saturday and the Exiles even have a team of distinction — if they can get them on to the field with any consistency.

That is the perennial problem for London Irish. If players are not absent injured (Gibson) or unavailable through business (MacNeill), provincial calls tend to get in the way. Thus their first success of the season in the second division of the Courage Clubs Championship, by a goal and four penalty goals to a try, a penalty and a dropped goal over Northampton, will be dissipated because their next two league outings clash with the inter-provincial championship in Ireland.

Nevertheless they will have been encouraged to snatch from the fire a victory which might well have gone Northampton's way had they taken their chances. Steele, who scored all their points, was worked over well early in the match when Northampton had the advantage of the strong wind and Packman had done all the preparatory work for a second try before Geogahan's challenge forced him to put a foot in touch-in-goal.

Even at 12-10 down, Northampton would have snatched the lead with only 12 minutes left had Steele, across the wind, not pushed a penalty wide. So Northampton had their chances, despite an almost total absence of lineout ball.

That they did not take them argues a lack of experience in vital areas, perhaps a lack of confidence understandable in a side coming together after a turbulent summer off the field, and a frustrating ability to give away penalties which Mullen — nephew of Karl, the 1950 British Lions captain — gobbled up.

Francis, the Irish lock, justified all the good things which have been said of him since last May's visit to France by an international party. Although the opposition on Saturday was not overwhelming, his two-handed jumping and power in the loose were evident; the longer the match went on, the more influential Whittle became and Geogahan, who would have played for Ireland's under-21 side last month but for illness, looks a promising wing, strong, fast and resourceful.

Northampton led 10-3 at the interval, which did not look enough. But neither side was inhibited by the knowledge that league points were at stake ("Let us hope," the programme notes read, "that our players will relax and move the ball around, preferably to one another") and, though the Irish gained the lead through penalties, they played some good rugby in the back division, too.

Their last-minute try was the reward for a good blind-side dart by Stewart, powerful running by Geogahan and good backing up by Fitzgerald, the captain.

SCORERS: London Irish: Try: Fitzgerald. Conversion: Mullen. Penalties: Mullen (4). Northampton: Try: Steele. Penalty: Steele. Dropped goal: Steele.
LONDON IRISH: J Staples; S Geogahan, B Mullin, W Harbinson, J Hewitt; B Mullen, R Stewart; N Donovan, M Leonard, T Hennessy, D Whittle, I Stevens, N Francis, P Collins, D Fitzgerald.
NORTHAMPTON: P Moss; F Packman, C Burns, J Thame, B Clark; J Steele, A Hughes; B Cox, D Frankland, N Fox, P Alston, D Newman, D James, R Tebbutt, M Charles.
Referee: D Matthews (Liverpool).

English quandary of French referee

By Bryan Stiles

Gloucester	19
Wasps	3

Daniel Salles is a Frenchman and, like many of his countrymen, has an honest way about him. He was the man nearest the problem — after all, he was the referee — but he could not figure out who was doing what to whom in those ugly-looking scrummages. Was it England's tight-head prop Probyn's way of boring in at an angle or was it Gloucester's Preedy up to some brutal West Country trickery?

He tugged and heaved to get props on one side of scrum to bind and position themselves properly, then nipped around the other side to do the same. Still the scrums swivelled or collapsed. Why had he been landed in such a quandary in his first English club game — a quandary that has flummoxed many a leading English referee?

"It was six of one and half a dozen of the other" was his loosely translated explanation back in the clubhouse. Then, as he gingerly sipped some West Country ale, his honesty surfaced. He revealed that in his exasperation he decided to penalize each side in turn when anything untoward happened in the scrum.

The Gloucester supporters thought he did well enough. Their team picked up valuable points in the first division of the Courage Clubs Championship with a victory by one goal, one try and three penalties to one penalty.

Andrew's sole success was a penalty in the first half, which was followed by a try from Scrivens, giving Gloucester a 4-3 interval lead. Smith, the Gloucester full back, kicked three penalties after the interval and added the points to a try scored by Cummins after an interception near halfway.

SCORERS: Gloucester: Tries: Scrivens, Cummins. Conversion: T Smith. Penalties: T Smith (3). Wasps: Penalty: Andrew.
GLOUCESTER: T Smith; N Price, R Maclean, D Cummins, R Mogg; M Hamlin, M Hannaford; M Preedy, K Dunn, R Pascall, J Gadd, N Scrivens, J Etheridge, I Smith, M Teague.
WASPS: S Pilgrim; S Smith, F Clough, R Lozowski, M Bailey; R Andrew, S Bates; P Rendall, A Simmons, J Probyn, M Rose, S Easton, J Bonner, M Rigby, J Ellison.
Referee: D Salles (Agen).

Scots owe debt to Pearson

By Chris Thau

London Scottish	6
Blackheath	3

For different reasons neither side seemed able to take full control of the battlefield as their clash in the second division evolved into a low-scoring yet entertaining tug-of-war.

While London Scottish have displayed the symptoms of a side beset by injury — lack of fluency in the midfield and an unsettled, rather hectic playing pattern — Blackheath have shown all the features of a young and inexperienced side: terminal naivety and inability to convert pressure into points.

No less than five of the Scottish backs have been sidelined with a variety of injuries; Gavin Hastings, Renwick and Caskie with pulled hamstrings, the stand-off half, Russell, with a groin injury, and the scrum half, Millard, with a damaged knee.

On the other hand Blackheath, though prone to mistakes, are about to develop into a capable outfit. The blind-side flanker, Harris, aged 21, is a vital source of lineout possession, while in the loose his speed makes his 16½st frame an awesome sight. But while full of promise and talent, Blackheath seem painfully short of a playmaker.

The Scots have in their captain, Richardson, the man for the job and the Scottish and Lions coach, Ian McGeechan, in attendance at Richmond Athletic Ground, must also have been pleased with the performance of his forward partners, David Tosh and the two Buchanans, Adam and David — though he regretted the absence of the injured internationals, Hastings and Renwick.

As the two sides cancelled each other in the loose it was a piece of quicksilver opportunism by the scrum half, Pearson, that tipped the balance. Pearson broke on the narrow side from a scrum in the Blackheath 22. He went through at high velocity and put Howe through for the sole try of the game.

SCORERS: London Scottish: Try: R Howe. Conversion: A Mitchell. Blackheath: Penalty goal: C Parker.
LONDON SCOTTISH: G Corbett; A Campbell, A McEwan, N Chesworth, N Grecian; A Mitchell, S Pearson; D Denham, R Howe, T Borthwick, J Campbell-Lamerton, D Tosh, A Buchanan-Smith, D Buchanan, C Richardson.
BLACKHEATH: M Ares; N Alcron, M Scott, R Smith, C Parker; J King, M Holcombe; S Serby, T Fenby, E Stokes, J Watson (rep: H Armous), D Harsey, M Harris, J Swain, P Vaughan.
Referee: R Quitterton.

Coventry deliver another riposte

By Peter Bills

London Welsh	14
Coventry	21

Exorcising ghosts from the past is not easy at Old Deer Park. Stark, rusting stands which once catered for the overspill spectators now lie silent and decaying. Two defeats and a draw have left the Exiles joint bottom of the second division table, yet they played with no little spirit.

Coventry, however, seized their chance when it was offered and three straight wins is a suitable riposte to those who foresaw gloom and doom upon relegation last season. Both club's mentors, a chastened Howard Evans, of London Welsh, and Coventry's phlegmatic Peter Rossborough spoke much commonsense in the clubhouse afterwards.

Rossborough called it Coventry's worst display this season, an accurate assessment. But he encapsulated perfectly the common denominator pertinent to these struggling clubs.

"We have at last got over this constant comparison with teams of the past," he said.

Victory kept Coventry at the top of the table but they did not greatly impress anyone. Welsh could not match the efficiency of their approach work or their finishing.

Leleu spoiled some forceful midfield running with awful distribution and Evans squandered promising situations by delaying his release of the ball.

Exiles, facing the wind after half-time armed with only a 7-4 advantage, battled bravely. But Coventry scored 11 points in 11 minutes midway through the half to ensure victory. Yet anyone who saw Exiles shove the Coventry pack off their own ball in the final moments to create Evans' try would have been heartened.

SCORERS: London Welsh: Tries: D Williams, Evans. Penalty goals: Thomas (2). Coventry: Tries: Lakey, Parton, C Hall. Penalty goals: Fahn (3).
LONDON WELSH: P Thomas; R Wintle, J Williams, G Leleu, D Williams; C Evans, M Douglas; A Edwards, S Smith, J Davies, G Llewelyn, E Bleese, R Sweeney, M Watkins, D Gurnett.
COVENTRY: M Fahn; L McKenzie, J Graham (rep: J Williamson), A Parton, S Hall; M Lakey, A Savage; G Tregidgo, G Sharpe, S Wilkes, A Gulliver, C Hall, P Rowland, S Wright, P Thomas.
Referee: I Butterwell (East Midlands).

Pears must try to kick the kicking habit

By Michael Stevenson

Sale	10
Saracens	12

Saracens, though hard-pressed, maintained their unbeaten second division record with victory at Heywood Road by a goal and two penalties to a try and two penalties. Sale had the edge territorially but tactical error cost them the match.

When a bell rang, Pavlov's dogs would salivate. When David Pears, Sale's new stand-off half, is holding a rugby ball he is conditioned, it seems, to kick it. With centres of the calibre of Bentley and Burnhill outside him, this is folly.

The talented Pears must adapt his game swiftly from the tactical approach and get good ball through his hands in fewer than two strides. He did not have too happy an afternoon as a goal-kicker, with a success rate of two from six chances.

A rare visit to Sale territory earned Saracens the lead. Sale were penalized for taking down a scrum and McLagen kicked the goal. At once Pears kicked to touch by the right corner flag. Howe won the lineout and Doggart scored on the open side. Pears had missed two demanding but kickable penalty chances and the straightforward conversion was also astray.

McLagen's second penalty had given Saracens their 6-4 interval lead and the try which followed clinched the match. Holmes hoisted high. Jenion caught cleanly but unwisely did not make the mark. The ball was driven to the Sale line and a five-metre scrum ensued, the impressive Ryan stormed away from No. 8 and Lindley scored for McLagen to convert.

Two penalties by Pears brought Sale right back into contention but his second dropped goal attempt and two more difficult penalty chances went astray during a period of Sale pressure that must have invested the final whistle with special beauty to Saracens' ears.

SCORERS: Sale: Try: Doggart. Penalties: Pears (2). Saracens: Try: Lindley. Conversion: McLagen. Penalties: McLagen (2).
SALE: G Jenion; G Powell, J Bentley, S Burnhill, J Pond; D Pears, G Doggart; M Whitcombe, M Poole, N Wheeler, M Kermick, J Howe, I Bullough, I Gittens, A Macfarlane.
SARACENS: S Robinson; D McLagen, J Buckton, P Reed, A Kennedy; N Holmes, F Steadman; J Leonard, J McFarland, C Roberts, P Lindley, R Malone, L Adamson, S Kempster, D Ryan.
Referee: J Coulson (Northumberland).

A peep into a fitter future

By Gerald Davies

Wales Youth	33
Canadian Juniors	25

This was an enjoyable game. In continuous drizzling rain the line was crossed nine times and nearly 60 points were scored. But any Welshman visiting Rodney Parade on Saturday in the hope of seeing a vision of the future could only conclude that the style of play will be much as before, except that the players will be fitter.

Wales were leading 23-3 at the interval and had the match sewn up: but lack of concentration during the Canadians' occasional second-half foray allowed the visitors back. Wales won by two goals, three tries and three penalties to three goals, a try and a penalty.

There were encouraging performances, notably from Howells and Williams at half-back, Lamerton at hooker and the back-row men, Mauze, McKim, and Edwards.

Three aspects of Welsh play were a direct imitation of their adults: the inclination, even in promising positions, to kick away precious possession; the ready response of the scrum to delay the ball from reaching the fresh air and for it all to come to nothing; and, lastly, the forwards, when running, keeping to an upright position and ripe for the first-time and upending tackle.

Ross and Howells exchanged penalties before Thomas broke through beautifully in the centre to give Jenkins the first try. The next two tries, by Williams and McCracken, resulted from short penalties. And the last one before half-time was the best combined move of the match, with interpassing of quality and the ball delivered at the right time. After 60 metres the move ended with Donovan scoring the try. Howells converted two of these tries.

Schmid and MacDonald scored two tries each, with Ross converting three of them. With Howells kicking a penalty and Lamerton scoring a try in between, the score rested at 30-25 with five minutes to go. Then Donovan settled it.

SCORERS: Wales: Tries: C Jenkins, D Williams, S McCracken, A Donovan, A Lamerton. Conversions: J Howells (2). Penalties: J Howells (2), A Donovan. Canada: Tries: M Schmid (2), T MacDonald (2). Conversions: B Ross (3). Penalty: B Ross.
WALES: S McCracken (Blackwood); C Jenkins (Neath Colts), J Thomas (Pontypridd), I Scott-Gibbs (Pencoed), A Donovan (Llanharan); J Howells (Carmarthen Quins), D Williams (Pontypool United, capt); M Thomas (Neath Colts), A Lamerton (Beddau), R Shaw (Neath Colts), J Mauze (Llanelli), C Doughty (Lampeter), P Johnson (Morriston), D Edwards (Tonmawr), I McKim (Newport).
CANADA: S Stewart; J Hurford, R Toews, S McLeish, G Pinak; B Ross (capt), T MacDonald; P Stapleton (all British Columbia Juniors), N Browne (Newfoundland Juniors), K Zrobok (Ontario Juniors), M Schmid, T Cooper, C White, A Greig, H Greig (all British Columbia Juniors).
Referee: A Mason (RFU).

WEEKEND RUGBY UNION RESULTS

COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP

First division

Bristol 18 Moseley 0
Bristol: Tries: Carr, Knibbs, Phillips. Pens: Webb (2).
Gloucester 19 Wasps 3
Gloucester: Tries: Scrivens, Cummins. Con: Smith. Pens: Smith (3). Wasps: Pen: Andrew.
Harlequins 15 Lpool St Helens 6
Harlequins: Try: Langhorn. Con: Thresher. Pens: Thresher (3). Liverpool St Helens: Pens: Askew (2).
Leicester 15 Orrell 27
Leicester: Pens: Hare (5). Orrell: Tries: Kimmins, Wilkinson, Dafydd. Cons: Langford (3). Pens: Langford (3).
Rosslyn Park 6 Bath 19
Rosslyn Park: Pens: Graves (2). Bath: Tries: Guscott, Swift, Chilcott. Cons: Barnes (2). Pen: Barnes.
Waterloo 9 Nottingham 18
Waterloo: Pens: Aitcheson (3). Nottingham: Pens: Hodgkinson (5). Dropped goal: Hodgkinson

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bath	3	3	0	0	64	24	6
Nottingham	3	3	0	0	46	24	6
Gloucester	3	2	1	0	65	31	4
Bristol	3	2	1	0	39	16	4
Leicester	3	2	1	0	53	45	4
Orrell	3	2	1	0	46	42	4
Lpool St Helens	3	1	2	0	30	44	2
Harlequins	3	1	2	0	39	55	2
Rosslyn Pk	3	1	2	0	28	44	2
Wasps	3	1	2	0	32	49	2
Waterloo	3	0	3	0	27	45	0
Moseley	3	0	3	0	16	68	0

CLUB MATCHES

Aberavon	9	Maesteg	41
Cambridge Univ	33	Bridgend	21
Cardiff	17	Pontypool	6
Cross Keys	6	Abertillery	27
Llanelli	22	Swansea	19
Loughborough S	0	Oxford Univ	27
Newbridge	26	Newport	13
Penarth	12	S Wales Police	35
Pontypridd	24	Ebbw Vale	3

MIDLANDS: First division: Derby 11, Walsall 13; Hereford 15, Paviors 7; Stockwood Park 14, Solihull 10; Westleigh 19, Mansfield 40; Wolverhampton 9, Barker's Butts 20. Second division east: Kettering 6, Stewart and Lloyds 12; Leighton Buzzard 33, Matlock 4; Lincoln 10, Hinckley 0; Modems 9, Stoneygate 4; Syston 7, Vipers 10. Second division west: Bedworth 17, Newbold 0; Burton 7, Duxonians 6; Dudley Kingswinford 10, Sutton Coldfield 0; Tamworth 7, Bromsgrove 7; Worcester 12, Stafford 12. East Midlands/Leicestershire: Aylestone St James 6, Long Buckby 3; Belgrave 0, Wigston 8; Luton 0, Wellingborough 8; Northampton Trinty 3, Towcestrians 8; Oadby Wyggestonians 6, Bedford Athletic 0. North Midlands: First division: Kidderminster Carolians 12, Bridgnorth 6, Kings Norton 33, Evesham 6; Old Halesonians 11, Newport (Salop) 11. Notts, Lincs and Derbys: First division: Melksh 9, Kesteven 13; Scunthorpe 26, Glossop 3; Southwell 21, Chesterfield 7; Stamford 18, East Retford 12. Staffordshire/Warwickshire: Leamington 15, Stoke Old Boys 4; Nuneaton OE 14, Newcastle (Staffs) 4, Old Longtonians 16, Trentham 18; Stratford 0, Willenhall 24.
NORTH: First division: Aspatria 12, Otley 7; Birkenhead Park 23, West Park 12; Hartlepool Rovers 12, Halifax 12, Kendal 10, Wigton 0; Tynedale 50, Hull and ER 0. Second division: Bradford and Bingley 40, Carlisle 7, Lymm 12, Davenport 3; Sandal 15, Alnwick 6; Wharfedale 28, New Brighton 3; Widnes 17, Huddersfield 4. North east: First division: Morpeth 6, Thornensians 3; Old Brodleians 21, Keighley 15, Old Crossleyans 6, Rotherham 19; Stockton 20, Blaydon 6; Wesloe 4, Gateshead Fell 20. Second division: Old Hymenians 11, Blyth 0; Pocklington 6, Ryton 3; Ripon 7, York 10; Roundheggans 18, Beverley 3, Selby 8, Newcastle University 12. North west: First division: Chester 19, Caldy 19; Manchester 9, Sandbach 14; Mid-Cheshire College 6, Wilmslow 0; Wigan 7, Egremont 14; Wirral 9, Rochdale 6. Second division:

Second division

Gosforth	16	Richmond	4

Gosforth: Try: Briggs. Pens: Henderson (4). Richmond: Try: Catt.

Headingley	7	Bedford	7

Headingley: Try: Summers. Pen: Kirk. Bedford: Try: Cunningham. Pen: Finnie.

London Irish	18	Northampton	10

London Irish: Try: Fitzgerald. Con: Mullen. Pens: Mullen (4). Northampton: Try: Steele. Pen: Steele. Dropped goal: Steele.

London Scottish	6	Blackheath	3

London Scottish: Try: Howe. Con: Mitchell. Blackheath: Pen: Parker.

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London Welsh: Tries: Williams, Evans. Pens: Thomas (2). Coventry: Tries: Lakey, Parton, Hall. Pens: Fahn (3).

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Sale: Try: Duggart. Pens: Pears (2). Saracens: Try: Lindley. Con: McLagen. Pens: McLagen (2).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Coventry	3	3	0	0	57	23	6
Saracens	3	3	0	0	39	15	6
Bedford	3	2	0	1	33	29	5
Blackheath	3	1	1	1	52	31	3
Northampton	3	1	1	1	32	28	3
L Scottish	3	1	1	1	15	15	3
Sale	3	1	1	1	63	38	3
Gosforth	3	1	2	0	38	28	2
L Irish	3	1	2	0	27	59	2
Richmond	3	1	2	0	27	69	2
Headingley	3	0	2	1	17	33	1
L Welsh	3	0	2	1	32	50	1

McEWAN'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE

First division

Edinburgh Acads	10	Hawick	9
Glasgow High	3	Selkirk	23
Heriot's FP	20	Stewart's Mel FP	12
Jed-Forest	22	Boroughmuir	10
Kelso	19	Glasgow Acads	0
Watsonians	6	Ayr	20
W of Scotland	10	Melrose	21

Second division: Bournemouth 3, Barnstaple 14; Broxham 20, Abbey 11. Cinderford 28, Redingensians 0; Devon and Cornwall Police 15, Newbury 7; Matson 26, Launceston 12. Southern Counties: Bletchley 0, Banbury 28; Marlow 10, Windsor 9; Oxford Marathon 3, Wimborne 17; Oxford Old Boys 17, Swindon 9; Slough 13, Aylesbury 19. Western Counties: Clevedon 13, Cirencester 13; Crediton 3, Truro 3. Gordon League 12, Avonmouth Old Boys 6; Newquay Hornets 9, Tiverton 16; Okehampton 18, Devonport Services 6. Cornwall/Devon: Exmouth 3, Exeter Saracens 7, Falmouth 12, Bideford 0; Hayle 10, Teignmouth 13; Illogan Park 3, Sidmouth 0; Paignton 22, Penzance-Newlyn 12. Gloucestershire/Somerset: Combe Down 6, Cleve 6, Coney Hill 10, Avon and Somerset Police 0; Gordano 27, Whitehall 13; Keynsham 6, Old Culverhaysians 30; Midsomer Norton 0, Spartans 19. Berkshire, Dorset and Wiltshire: First division: Bracknell 63, Aldermaston 0; Chippenham 22, Weymouth 12; Dorchester 15, Devizes 0; Marlborough 13, Wootton Bassett 43; REME Arborfield 25, Corsham 8. Buckinghamshire/Oxfordshire: First division: Beaconsfield 4, Bicester 6; Drifters 19, Buckingham 8, Littlemore 27, Milton Keynes 0; Pennamians 12, Chinnor 7; Witney 6, Chiltern 10.

Third division

Exeter	12	Nuneaton	25
Fylde	18	W Hartlepool	13
Maidstone	6	Wakefield	23
Met Police	13	Vale of Lune	7
Plymouth	34	Sheffield	13
Rugby	41	Askeans	3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rugby	3	3	0	0	91	18	6
Nuneaton	3	3	0	0	77	33	6
Plymouth	3	3	0	0	75	31	6
Wakefield	3	2	1	0	105	27	4
W Hartlepool	3	2	1	0	75	37	4
Exeter	3	2	1	0	51	43	4
Fylde	3	2	1	0	41	43	4
Met Police	3	1	2	0	23	102	2
Vale of Lune	3	0	3	0	22	61	0
Sheffield	3	0	3	0	31	75	0
Askeans	3	0	3	0	15	74	0
Maidstone	3	0	3	0	26	88	0

Area north

Durham	54	Birmingham	0
Lichfield	6	Stourbridge	10
Morley	10	Broughton Park	34
Northern	16	Wilmington Park	9
Preston Grnsrs	25	Stoke	7

Area south

Cheltenham	10	Camborne	34
Havant	29	Ealing	4
Lydney	17	Sudbury	7
Salisbury	13	Stroud	6
Sidcup	4	Redruth	28

Cockermouth 11, Leigh 3; Merseyside Police 26, Old Alcuinians 13; Workington 12, Macclesfield 11.

SOUTH WEST: First division: Clifton 38, Bridgwater and Albion 8; High Wycombe 11, Berry Hill 6; Maidenhead 9, Weston-super-Mare 21; Oxford 18, Torquay Athletic 23; Reading 3, Taunton 12. Second division: Bournemouth 3, Barnstaple 14; Broxham 20, Abbey 11. Cinderford 28, Redingensians 0; Devon and Cornwall Police 15, Newbury 7; Matson 26, Launceston 12. Southern Counties: Bletchley 0, Banbury 28; Marlow 10, Windsor 9; Oxford Marathon 3, Wimborne 17; Oxford Old Boys 17, Swindon 9; Slough 13, Aylesbury 19. Western Counties: Clevedon 13, Cirencester 13; Crediton 3, Truro 3. Gordon League 12, Avonmouth Old Boys 6; Newquay Hornets 9, Tiverton 16; Okehampton 18, Devonport Services 6. Cornwall/Devon: Exmouth 3, Exeter Saracens 7, Falmouth 12, Bideford 0; Hayle 10, Teignmouth 13; Illogan Park 3, Sidmouth 0; Paignton 22, Penzance-Newlyn 12. Gloucestershire/Somerset: Combe Down 6, Cleve 6, Coney Hill 10, Avon and Somerset Police 0; Gordano 27, Whitehall 13; Keynsham 6, Old Culverhaysians 30; Midsomer Norton 0, Spartans 19. Berkshire, Dorset and Wiltshire: First division: Bracknell 63, Aldermaston 0; Chippenham 22, Weymouth 12; Dorchester 15, Devizes 0; Marlborough 13, Wootton Bassett 43; REME Arborfield 25, Corsham 8. Buckinghamshire/Oxfordshire: First division: Beaconsfield 4, Bicester 6; Drifters 19, Buckingham 8, Littlemore 27, Milton Keynes 0; Pennamians 12, Chinnor 7; Witney 6, Chiltern 10.

IRELAND: Ulster: Digital Senior League: First section: Malone 17, Bangor 13; Ballymena 40, NIFC 6; Ards 15, CYMS 16. Second section: Dungannon 24, Armagh 6; Queen's University 7, Academy 10; City of Derry 9, Portadown 9. Senior club: Instonians 37, Carrick 6. Leinster Senior League: Section A: Old Wesley 12, Terenure College 10; Greystones 19, Wanderers 12. Section B: Clontarf 10, Monkstown 15, DLSP 30, Skerries 0. Senior club: Blackrock College 13, Dublin University 9; University College Dublin 18, St Mary's College 9; Old Belvedere 15, Collegians 20. Munster Trial: Munster XV 18, The Rest 8 (Thomond Park). Senior club: Old Crescent 8, Ballinasloe 0.

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RACING

Paean to resume racing career and go hurdling

By Phil McLennan

Paean, last year's Ascot Gold Cup winner, is back in training and is expected to run over hurdles before the end of this year.

The five-year-old has been relieved of his stud duties, temporarily at least, and has joined champion National Hunt trainer David Elsworth at Whitsbury.

Elsworth said yesterday: "I've only had him about a week but he's in good shape. The injury which brought about his retirement seems to have healed but you can't be sure until it's tested on the racecourse."

Paean won the 1987 Gold Cup by 15 lengths from Sadeem but after the race was found to have bowed tendons.

Lord Howard de Walden then sold him to Ronald Shaw, who sent Paean to stand alongside Decent Fellow, Asir and Saher at the Greenville House Stud in Ireland.

The son of Busted had a successful first season as a stallion despite having to undergo emergency surgery in May.

Isaac Morgan, manager of the Co Waterford stud, said yesterday: "His intestine started to slip into his testicle and he might have died but for our vet, Stan Cosgrave.

"Paean was able to resume his duties remarkably quickly and seven of the nine mares he covered after the operation were tested in foal. In all, he had 20 mares in foal in his first season including a half-sister to Fred Winter's good chaser Fifty Dollars More.

"We're expecting him back here in February or March for the next covering season. I think Mr Shaw is hoping he'll win a couple of good hurdle races to improve his value as a National Hunt stallion."

Paean ran only 11 races on the Flat over three seasons, winning six times and never finishing out of the first three.

Elsworth said: "He's obviously come to me too late for a Flat campaign so we're going to pop him over a few hurdles and see how he gets on. The sky's the limit for him if he takes to it.

"If not, we can always revert to the Flat next season or he could go back to stud. Plans are very fluid at the moment."

Another pattern race winner to join the thriving dual-purpose Hampshire yard is Comme L'Etoile, who captured the Italian St Leger in 1986 when trained by Jeremy Hindley. The five-year-old is expected to making his debut over hurdles next month.

Unbeaten Court stays on course for Guineas

Court confirmed the favourable impression she made on her Yarmouth debut when following up in the listed Dewhirst Rockingham Stakes at York on Saturday.

Alec Stewart's filly remains 20-1 joint-favourite for next year's 1,000 Guineas after bearing Akid by three parts of a length in a two-year-old course record time of 1min 10.04sec.

Michael Roberts reported that Court's head had come up and that she had run green after striking the front 1½ furlongs out.

Stewart added that Court would probably prefer softer ground and is confident she will stay a mile next year.

Mark Birch needs only two more winners to beat his previous best of 92 after partnering Duckington to beat Skolern by a neck in the Carling Black Label Lager Handicap.

The Bustino colt, heavily backed from 11-2 to 3-1 favourite, broke the seven-furlong course record with a time of 1min 22.31sec.

Duckington was completing a long-range treble for Peter Easterby, earlier successful with Cumbrian Waltzer at Ascot and Spritebrand at Uttoxeter.

Paul Eddery reached his half-century and equalled his previous best score when completing a 51-1 double on Spoilt Again and Restore while Tony Culhane drew level with Gary Bardwell in their tussle for the apprentice championship by winning on Dancing Monarch.

Uttoxeter statement

East Staffordshire District Council intends to take positive action to solve the cash-flow problems of Uttoxeter racecourse.

Council leader Erl Thornewill, who last week assumed full control of Uttoxeter Racecourse Company (URC) and described the track's accounting system as "appalling, in fact virtually non-existent," made a statement during racing there on Saturday.

He said: "The short-term problems with regard to Uttoxeter would seem to be soluble. I hope to be taking action early next week to solve any local difficulties.

"As far as the racing programme is concerned, I still have meetings to attend but am confident of being able to make a statement next Friday to all concerned, including the Jockey Club."

The Council took over day-to-day control of the Midlands track's affairs on Friday, after several companies had claimed that they were owed money by URC, the firm set up by Marlborough Park Leisure Ltd to improve facilities at the course.

Puissance looks the part

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

Puissance, in the colours of Classic Thoroughbreds Plc, looked a colt of considerable potential when making a winning debut in the Locks Restaurant Maiden over six furlongs at the Phoenix Park on Saturday.

Beforehand, his trainer, Vincent O'Brien, said that this 110,000 guinea yearling, by Thatching, would make a high-grade sprinter next year but expressed doubts about his ability to handle the yielding ground.

These proved unfounded as Puissance sprinted home six lengths ahead of Bolton Flyer.

Devil's Bag, an unbeaten champion two-year-old in the United States where he won his five starts by a total margin of 27 lengths, is the sire of Moyglare Stud Farm's Twilight Agenda who also put up a good first performance in the Pegus Gold Maiden.

Thomson Jones ends on winner

Tim Thomson Jones, the European amateur champion jockey, announced his retirement from the saddle after winning on Ahoy at Ascot on Saturday.

Thomson Jones, aged 32, who has ridden more than 200 winners, will start training in Lambourn within the next few weeks.

● Marjorie Enright, wife of Gerry Enright, the Sussex trainer, rode Tara's Chieftain to victory in yesterday's Newmarket Town Plate.

Miss Secreto in dead-heat

Willie Carson forced the John Dunlop-trained Miss Secreto up in the final strides to dead-heat with Marina Duff in the Premio Dormello at San Siro, Milan, yesterday. However, Carson could finish only fifth on Dark Singer behind Guymen in the listed Premio Del Dado.

● Kendor was a surprise winner of the group one Grand Criterium at Longchamp yesterday. Kendor beat the favourite Along All by three lengths with the Marcel Boussac winner Mary Linoa only seventh.

Saturday's results

Ascot

2.0 1, Nestwan (4-8 fav; Michael Seely's nap); 2, Optimist (11-1); 3, Cacoethes (11-1). 5 ran.

2.30 1, Banket (4-1); 2, Upend (11-4 fav); 3, Casey (4-1). 8 ran.

3.0 1, Cumbrian Waltzer (8-1); 2, Gallant Hope (9-1) 3, Durasingh (12-1). Glencroft 15-8 fav. 15 ran. NR: Young Inca.

3.35 1, Hadif (9-1); 2, Tigani (20-1); 3, Or Acier (7-1). Heather Seeker 6-4 fav. 13 ran.

4.10 1, Ahoy (7-2); 2, Hopping Around (100-30); 3, Super Gunner (20-1). Curricle 3-1 fav. 10 ran.

4.40 1, El Rey (7-2); 2, Beau Sher (8-1); 3, Queen's Bridge (12-1). Single 11-4 fav. 12 ran. NR: Burkan.

5.10 1, Al Hamb (11-10 fav); 2, Kalanski (11-2); 3, Miss Fancy That (6-4). 5 ran.

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Confidence abounds in Monetary Fund

By Mandarin
(Michael Phillips)

Following Restore's win at York on Saturday, confidence is now running high at Thirty Acre Barn in Epsom that MONETARY FUND can win the Kingsbury Handicap at Warwick today.

Before Saturday, that would not have been the case for the simple reason that his trainer Geoff Lewis had been stuck on the 30-winner mark since August 26, needing just one more to achieve a personal best.

During that time he had had no fewer than nine seconds to prove that he was doing nothing wrong and that his horses were still in form if not actually winning.

Once the floodgates open, however, life begins to gather pace again as Mark Prescott will readily testify. He, too, experienced a lean period before Teenieg Shove and Quinton Terry eventually came to the rescue at Newmarket recently.

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Apparently, at Brighton 12 days ago, Monetary Fund never saw daylight at any stage yet was beaten only a head and a short head. In the circumstances, he can be regarded as a winner without a penalty and as such represents nap material.

On that run alone he stands an excellent chance today now that the ground is guaranteed to be to his liking. Earlier in the season he also ran well enough at both Goodwood and Sandown to suggest that a prize such as this is there for the taking.

GRAND TOUR, from Willie Hastings-Bass's in-form stable, is well treated by the conditions of the Arden EBF Stakes. For he was good enough to run Zainoom to a nose in the Italian Derby last year.

At Pontefract, a victory for CARDINAL SIN in the first division of the EBF Whitley Graduation Stakes will simply underline the chance that SKAZKA has of winning the Minor Nursery there later in the afternoon.

For the two finished third and first respectively in the same race at Newbury just over three weeks ago.

SCOTCH IMP, who began the season by running Glencroft to a short head at Thirsk in April, may not have progressed quite as far up the ladder as her stable companion. But she has still done her talented trainer David Chapman proud as her form figures indicate.

So now, following that most emphatic win at Newmarket 10 days ago, I expect her to capture the Top Flight Leisure Handicap at Ayr where PAT'S JESTER, the winner of the Scottish Champion Hurdle on the course in the spring, can make a triumphant return, this time in the White Meter Handicap.



Banket (Brian Rouse) stays on too strongly for Upend (Willie Ryan) in the Princess Royal Stakes at Ascot on Saturday

Chapman's sprinters get another chance

By George Rae

Chaplins Club and Glencroft, beaten in their respective attempts on Saturday to set a 20th century record of 10 handicap wins in a season, will not have to wait long for another opportunity.

Chaplins Club runs at Haydock on Wednesday in the Newton-Le-Willows Police Handicap, for which a 7lb penalty takes his weight to 10st 4lb, while Glencroft contests the Phantom House Handicap at Newmarket next Saturday.

Glencroft's record attempt at Ascot foundered at the start as he dived immediately left, forfeiting about eight lengths. Although he was in the firing line a furlong out the effort had taken its toll and he finished eighth, beaten only about three lengths.

Stuart Webster, Glencroft's jockey, returned scarcely able to believe a false start had not been called. "Perfect Timing, two stalls away from me, reared up, and when she came down she had her head over the rail of the next stall. The gates opened and I shouted to the starter 'are we off?' By the time I realized that we were, the field had gone two furlongs."

Michael Sayers, the starter, was unaware of Perfect Timing's head being caught and later regretted having sent the field off so untidily, although it could equally be argued that once Webster was installed he should have been concentrating on the gates opening.

Despite Glencroft's unhappy experience, the prize still went to Yorkshire with Peter Easterby's Cumbrian Waltzer, ridden by Pat Eddery, emerging triumphant in a three-way photo finish with Gallant Hope and Durasingh.

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Selections

By Mandarin	By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.15 Fighting Gorytns.	2.15 Sporting Simon.
2.45 Late Night.	2.45 Weffie.
3.15 Pat's Jester.	3.15 —
3.45 Lucky Can.	3.45 Soldiers Duty.
4.15 Scotch Imp.	4.15 Fairfield Lad.
4.45 Jalopy.	4.45 Gold Ducat.

Michael Seely's selection: 3.15 Gunner Mac.

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Going: soft **Draw: high numbers best**

2.15 BALLANTRAE GRADUATION CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,084: 1m) (11 runners)

1	(5)	46-4420	FIGHTING GORYTUS 51 (Mrs S Mckerrson) C Booth 8-11	K Hodgson	● 98
2	(1)	002004	FINAL PASS 6 (V) (R Morrison) J S Wilson 8-11	M Fry	77
3	(3)	200540	BRONZE CROSS 31 (E Sport Agencies) T Barron 8-9	D Nicholls	95
4	(2)	550406	EXPLOSIVE SPIRIT 7 (B) (R Trontz) S Norton 8-9	J Lowe	88
6	(9)	282220	INSPIRED LOVE 11 (M Obaida) B Hanbury 8-8	NON-RUNNER	—
7	(10)	044204	SPORTING SIMON 13 (A F Budge Ltd) R Williams 8-6	G Duffield	87
8	(4)	00600	ARBORY STREET 107 (J Stewart) Mrs J Ramsden 8-6	J Quinn (3)	85
9	(6)	3500	STAND AT EASE 19 (D Ridley) Mrs J Ramsden 8-6	K Fallon (3)	85
11	(11)	64550	EMSALCLA 45 (V) (M Brittain) M Brittain 8-5	M Wigham	88
14	(7)	0-	SILVERWALTZ 380 (P Rohan) P Rohan 8-5	—	—
17	(8)	00	WIMBORNE 36 (D McKenzie) R Bastiman 8-3	—	—

BETTING: 5-2 Final Pass, 3-1 Arbory Street, 5-1 Fighting Gorytus, 8-1 Stand At Ease, 12-1 Emsalcla, 16-1 Silverwaltz, 20-1 others.

1987: HOLD DEAR 9-0 W Ryan (1-2 fav) H Cecil 6 ran

FORM FIGHTING GORYTUS will like this ground. Finished fast recently at Sandown; earlier ran better on this course when 2nd beaten 2½l by Crackle Moor (rec 15lb). On that running he will be hard to beat.
FINAL PASS stayed on at one pace when 4th behind Aldaha (gave 22lb) at Newcastle last Tuesday.
BRONZE CROSS, is still a maiden, has shown some ability, but often does not look very keen when put under pressure.
EXPLOSIVE SPIRIT finished sixth behind Young Commander (gave 2lb) at Edinburgh a week ago.
SPORTING SIMON has had plenty of opportunities to lose his maiden tag, but often looks reluctant to go through with his effort.
Selection: FIGHTING GORYTUS

2.45 ELECTRIC NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £4,688: 1m) (19 runners)

3	(14)	660114	GUSHY 25 (D,F) (P Savill) M W Easterby 9-7	D Nicholls	91
4	(17)	01520	CORNET 25 (B) (Duke of Sutherland) J Watts 9-6	N Connorton	91
5	(16)	010316	FOOLISH BEHAVIOUR 5 (F,G) (Mrs N Sutton) S Norton 9-5	J Lowe	96
6	(18)	11531	TANODA 25 (CD,F,S) (M Britain) M Britain 9-5	A Munro (5)	92
9	(15)	625333	ANGELS KISS 10 (D White) Miss S Hall 9-3	—	87
11	(1)	154000	POLAR REGION 25 (B) (P Muldoon) S Muldoon 9-0	M Birch	87
12	(5)	055	LATE NIGHT 25 (B) (J Livock) A Lee 8-12	K Fallon (3)	91
13	(2)	0006	QUALITAIR AVIATOR 19 (Qualitair Holdings) K Stone 8-11	S Webster	92
14	(3)	00400	MON BILL 10 (A Lyons) C Booth 8-11	K Hodgson	96
16	(4)	620052	CAROUSEL CALYPSO 7 (A Saccomando) R Whitaker 8-9	—	92
18	(10)	553236	CARRY ON CARY 24 (S) (J Glenton) R Stubbs 8-8	S Whitworth	95
20	(19)	655560	DALE PARK 14 (B) (Full Circle Plc) N Tinkler 8-7	Kim Tinkler	98
22	(8)	0004	TOUCH ABOVE 14 (Mrs J Hazell) T Barron 8-5	L Charnock	89
23	(13)	400601	EL DALSAD 14 (V,D,S) (P Webb) Mrs N Macauley 8-3 (7ex)	A Bacon (7)	96
25	(12)	050	ROSEFAIR LADY 88 (J Webster) M Tompkins 8-1	G Duffield	86
26	(7)	530600	GYPSY PEGS 17 (D Ford) Denys Smith 8-0	A Shoults (3)	● 95
27	(6)	000	FIRM POLICY 21 (W Jardine) R Fisher 7-12	—	86
28	(9)	0000	REVARO 17 (Mrs J Ramsden) Mrs J Ramsden 7-12	M Fry	93
31	(11)	35561	WEFFIE 20 (D,F) (R Strawbridge) A Bailey 7-7	J Quinn (3)	95

Long handicap: Weffie 7-6.
BETTING: 11-4 Tanoda, 7-2 Dale Park, 4-1 El Dalsad, 6-1 Weffie, 8-1 Angels Kiss, Carry On Cary, Foolish Behaviour, 10-1 others.

1982: BOULEVARD GIRL 8-0 K Darley (7-1) C Booth 13 ran

FORM GUSHY won a seller at Redcar, recently finished 4th in a nursery behind TANODA, an easy winner (rec 16lb) on this track with CORNET (rec 4lb) in 7th. At the weights TANODA is very well treated.
ANGELS KISS has run some good races without winning and has been unlucky. She can make the frame again today.
EL DALSAD won a Hamilton nursery by ½l from Northwold Star (gave 6lb) with DALE PARK (gave 11lb) back in 3rd beaten 3l and TOUCH ABOVE (gave 9lb) 4th beaten 6l. Today Dale Park is weighted to turn the tables.
Selection: TANODA

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
Mrs J Ramsden	7	16	43.8
J Jefferson	5	14	35.7
R Fisher	3	10	30.0
B Hanbury	5	25	20.0
C Tinkler	6	34	17.5
N Bycroft	14	83	16.9

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
A Shoults	9	30	30.0
M Birch	25	120	20.8
G Duffield	19	115	16.5
Kim Tinkler	10	70	14.3
N Connorton	17	126	13.5
J Quinn	5	38	13.2

3.15 WHITE METER HANDICAP (£2,771: 1m 7f) (9 runners)

2	(4)	0110/-00	WESSEX 10 (C,G,S) (Full Circle Plc) N Tinkler 6-8-10	Kim Tinkler	—
3	(6)	216520	DEFTLY 18 (F,G) (R Bradley) C Elsey 4-9-6	A Munro (5)	98
5	(1)	255304	PATH'S SISTER 21 (B,CD,G,S) (Miss B Duxbury) C Thornton 7-8-2	J Bleasdale	● 89
7	(5)	06-400	KALEIDOSCOPE 48 (W McHarg) J S Wilson 3-8-2	A Shoults (3)	95
14	(9)	11-2400	GUNNER MAC 28 (CD,S) (F McHale) N Bycroft 5-8-7	L Charnock	91
17	(8)	2605/0-2	PAT'S JESTER 13 (S) (R Adam Ltd) R Allan 5-8-4	S Webster	96
20	(2)	3/0020-0	BEAKER 25 (V,S) (G Lowe) M Naughton 8-7-9	M Fry	91
22	(7)	0/500-50	TIMBOLO 8J (T Hainsworth) C Tinkler 5-7-7	J Quinn (3)	—
23	(3)	0000	COUTURE TIGHTS 68 (B) (Couture Marketing) J Watts 3-7-7	J Lowe	—

Long handicaps: Timeolo 7-0, Couture Tights 7-0.
BETTING: 5-4 Pat's Jester, 7-2 Path's Sister, 5-1 Deftly, 10-1 Beaker, 12-1 Gunner Mac, Kaleidoscope, 20-1 others.

1987: GUNNER MAC 4-7-8 L Charnock (9-1) N Bycroft 11 ran

FORM WESSEX has yet to show his good form of the past. Last time out did not inspire confidence when finishing last of 9 behind Celtic Ring.
DEFTLY disappointed last time when 7th behind Jinga (rec 11lb); earlier showed better form when 2nd beaten 1½l here behind Pantenka (rec 2lb) with GUNNER MAC (gave 1lb) in 7th.
PATH'S SISTER a good stayer who likes soft ground. She has the class to win this if she reproduces her best form.
PAT'S JESTER ran well on his debut when in need of the outing behind Silks Domino (levels). This useful hurdler has the danger to the selection.
Selection: PATH'S SISTER

3.45 PRESTWICK SELLING STAKES (3 & 4-Y-O: £1,337: 1m 2f) (13 runners)

1	(11)	210600-	BANTEL BLAZER 283J (S) (Bantel Limited) Miss M Bell 4-9-3	D Nicholls	—
2	(10)	020000	GET ON GERAGHTY 19 (F,G) (D McKenzie) R Bastiman 4-9-3	G Duffield	84
3	(9)	300020	LOTUS ISLAND 3J (B,D,F,G) (Full Circle Plc) N Tinkler 4-8-3	Kim Tinkler	88
4	(7)	005152	SOLDIERS DUTY 25 (F) (D Hunnisett) D Morley 4-9-3	M Birch	91
5	(2)	21/8-006	TIMESWITCH 42J (F) (Times of Wigan) G Moore 4-9-3	N Connorton	87
6	(5)	10-0530	WINNER LUCK 21 (D,S) (G Northage) R Whitaker 4-9-0	M Fry	79
7	(3)	0-005	LE GUERRIER 14J (P Monteith) P Monteith 4-8-12	J Quinn (3)	—
8	(4)	304886	TOWN MEETING 14 (V) (M Brittain) M Brittain 4-8-12	M Wigham	82
11	(1)	6-00002	MR CHRIS CAKEMAKER 13 (P Davies) M Naughton 4-8-9	K Fallon (3)	● 99
13	(8)	065004	MANS NO ANGEL 14 (R Scott) R Allan 3-8-5	S Webster	74
15	(6)	400602	SUMMER PARK 49 (F Carr) F Carr 3-8-5	S Morris	76
16	(12)	0-000000	ENCHANTING KATE 17 (B) (J Sinclair) C Booth 3-8-2	P Johnson (7)	—
17	(10)	500502	LUCKY CAN 10 (B Cann) T Fairhurst 3-8-2	S Whitworth	86

BETTING: 5-2 Lucky Can, 3-1 Mr Chris Cakemaker, 4-1 Soldiers Duty, 5-1 Town Meeting, Timeswitch, 6-1 Summer Park, 14-1 Winnies Luck, Bantel Blazer, 16-1 others.

1987: TIKLAS 3-8-7 Kim Tinkler (4-5 jt-fav) N Tinkler 4 ran

FORM GET ON GERAGHTY was a useful two-year-old, but has not shown much of late.
SOLDIERS DUTY, from the in-form stable of David Morley, ran a genuine race to finish 2nd behind Stistad Park (rec 25lb). Has refused to race in the past and not one to trust. However, if he decides to go he will take all the beating.
TIMESWITCH has been running in handicap company. He will appreciate the drop in class and looks capable of taking this moderate event.
MR CHRIS CAKEMAKER chased home the useful Sharron's Royale (gave 13lb) in claimer at Hamilton. Can figure in the frame today.
LUCKY CAN, is still a maiden, showed her best form last time out when 2nd in a seller behind Calahonda Sky (gave 8lb).
Selection: TIMESWITCH (nap)

4.15 TOP FLIGHT LEISURE HANDICAP (£3,412: 6f) (12 runners)

2	(3)	444140	TURBO SPEED 34 (D,F,G) (M Salem) B Hanbury 3-9-10	NON-RUNNER	—
4	(5)	400008	FOURWALK 24 (D,F,S) (W Fouracres) Mrs N Macauley 4-9-5	S Webster	93
5	(9)	313611	SCOTCH IMP 10 (C,D,F,G,S) (T Broadley) D Chapman 4-8-5 (10ex)	S Webster	93
11	(6)	104680	FAIRFIELD LAD 11 (B,G,S) (Lady Stafford) M Tompkins 3-8-10	G Duffield	90
12	(11)	5240008	THE DEVIL'S MUSIC 28 (D,F) (D Faulkner) N Bycroft 4-8-9	M Birch	90
13	(4)	040082	PROSPECT PLACE 13 (D,S) (Mrs C Geraghty) M W Easterby 4-8-7	D Nicholls	● 99
15	(1)	0110900	BATCHWORTH DANCER 11 (D,F,S) (Mrs D Price) M Brittain 3-8-4	A Munro (5)	92
16	(2)	002201	UNCLE ERNIE 25 (CD,S) (J Stewart) Mrs J Ramsden 3-8-3	K Fallon (3)	96
20	(8)	1110033	OLYMPIC CHALLENGER 13 (B,CD,F,S) (Mrs I Ryles) J Berry 4-7-13	J Quinn (3)	93
21	(12)	312014	B GRADE 25 (CD,RF,S) (J Tunstall) J Balding 3-7-7	M Fry	90
23	(10)	03-0000	HARRY HULL 42 (S) (A Fawcett) M W Easterby 5-7-7	L Charnock	90
24	(7)	0-44080	PARISIAN GIRL 49 (M O'Brien) E Alston 5-7-7	J Fortune (7)	—

Long handicaps: B Grade 7-8, Harry Hull 7-5, Parisian 6-4.
BETTING: 7-2 Prospect Place, 4-1 Scotch Imp, 9-2 Olympic Challenger, 5-1 B Grade, Uncle Ernie, 14-1 The Devil's Music, 16-1 Batchworth Dancer, Fourwalk, 20-1 others.

1987: HENRY WILL 3-8-3 N Connorton (12-1) T Fairhurst 12 ran

FORM SCOTCH IMP landed a h'cap at Newmarket by 2½l from Sister Chabrias (gave 4lb). Cannot be left out of the reckoning as he comes a stable that has to be respected in these events.
FAIRFIELD LAD won a handicap at Sandown in June. He has not shown much since.
PROSPECT PLACE could not get to the classy winner SCOTCH IMP (gave 2lb) with OLYMPIC CHALLENGER (rec 8lb) in 3rd at Hamilton. Today the weights should enable PROSPECT PLACE to get his revenge.
UNCLE ERNIE won a 6f h'cap on this track when driven out to beat Ned's Aura (gave 4lb) with B GRADE (rec 4lb) 4th. He looks out of his depth today.
Selection: PROSPECT PLACE

4.45 EBF ARRAN GRADUATION STAKES (2-Y-O fillies: £1,888: 5f) (7 runners)

2	(1)	320143	GOLD DUCAT 23 (D,G) (R Richards) W Jarvis 9-2	M Tebbutt (7)	90
3	(2)	351022	HONG KONG GIRL 11 (D,F) (Mrs A Shelton) J Berry 9-2	A Bacon (7)	93
5	(4)	010	ROYAL CLOVER 72 (D,F) (A Fawcett) J Jefferson 9-2	A Shoults (3)	88
6	(3)	13368	SINGH 'N' SPIRITS 6 (G) (JDV UK Wholesale Ltd) A Bailey 9-2	—	● 99
9	(5)	0	CRAG HALL 31 (Lord Derby) J Watts 8-8	N Connorton	—
10	(7)	0	JALOPY 9 (Capt J Macdonald-Buchanan) M Prescott 8-6	G Duffield	92
11	(6)	0	MISS RATCHWORTH 7 (Mrs D Price) M Britain 8-8	M Wigham	—

BETTING: 6-4 Hong Kong Girl, 9-2 Jalopy, Gold Ducat, 8-1 Singh 'N' Spirits, 10-1 Royal Clover, 16-1 Miss Ratchworth, Crag Hall.

1987: MIMRAM MELODY 2-8-9 G Duffield (3-1) M Prescott 5 ran

FORM GOLD DUCAT is unproven over this trip, showed her form over 5f. A winner at Chester. Recently finished 3rd behind Collison Lane (rec 6lb) at Catterick.
HONG KONG GIRL finished 2nd in a good nursery at Newmarket when beaten 1½l by Where's The Money (rec 11lb) with winners behind her. She is not out of it today.
ROYAL CLOVER last ran over two months when disappointing in a nursery at Newmarket; earlier won a maiden at Newcastle in good style from Grimston Again (levels).
SINGH 'N' SPIRITS won a maiden auction in good style at Pontefract, has since disappointed when down the field behind Arc Lamp (rec 15lb) on Tuesday.
CRAG HALL was pitched in a good race on his debut when behind Pure Genius. He did not show much that day and will have come on from the outing.
JALOPY ran a fair race in 24-runner maiden at Newmarket. Is hard to assess.
Selection: HONG KONG GIRL

PONTEFRACT

Selections

By Mandarin	By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.15 Cardinal Sin.	2.15 Suhail Dancer.
2.45 Taranga.	2.45 Lyreen River.
3.15 Tom Rum.	3.15 Tufty Lady.
3.45 Thekkian.	3.45 All Is Forgiven.
4.15 Green Archer.	4.15 Sweet Enough.
4.45 Skazka.	4.45 BRIGGSCARE (nap).
5.15 Anadax.	5.15 Anadax.
5.45 Past Midnight.	5.45 Got Away.

Michael Seely's selection: 5.45 GOT AWAY (nap).
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 5.45 GOT AWAY.

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 9-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 98

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F – fell. P – pulled up. U – unseated rider. B – brought down. S – slipped up. R – refused. D – disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: / if jumps. F if flat. (B – blinkers. V – visor. H – hood. E – Eyeshield. C – course winner. D – distance winner. CD – course and distance winner. BF – beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F – firm, good to firm, hard. G – good. S – soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

Going: good to firm **Draw: 5f-6f, low numbers best**

2.15 EBF WHITLEY GRADUATION STAKES (Div I: 2-Y-O: £,485: 6f) (11 runners)

1	(5)	103	CARDINAL SIN 24 (G) (Mrs J Corbett) B Hills 9-5	R Cochrane	● 99
7	(7)	133	SUHAIL DANCER 27 (D,BF,F) (Mohamed Suhail) Miss M Piggott 9-5	B Raymond	86
10	(9)	00660	BALIBRAY 7 (R Tindall) J Berry 8-11	J Carroll	78
11	(4)	04	SLYTON LAD 20 (Mrs J Addlesham) J Balding 8-11	S Horsfall	90
20	(1)	4	ON MY MERIT 14 (Wm Martin Ltd) F Lee 8-11	S Parks	80
26	(3)	6	TUCK BOX 23 (Lord Halifax) N Graham 8-11	B Procter	—
29	(11)	600	WORK ON AIR 6 (P Cockcroft) C Tinkler 8-11	M Wood	—
31	(6)	04	ABBERTON 25 (Exors of the late E Moller) G Wragg 8-6	Dominic Gibson	88
35	(5)	035005	MIAMI PRIDE 30 (V) (J Mansfield) M James 8-6	M Fazzard	89
40	(10)		PRESIDENTIAL STAR (R Rogers) S Norton 8-6	B Crossley	—
41	(2)		QUIET ARROGANCE (Mrs S Brown) S Norton 8-6	A Culhane (3)	—

BETTING: 9-4 Suhail Dancer, 3-1 Cardinal Sin, 5-1 Abberton, 7-1 Slyton Lad, 8-1 Tuck Box, 10-1 On My Merit, 12-1 Presidential Star, 14-1 Quiet Arrogance, 18-1 others.

1987: MARKSTYLE 8-11 R Cochrane (16-1) S Norton 13 ran

2.45 NOSTELL SELLING STAKES (£982: 1m 2f) (12 runners)

2	(3)	1/00524-	LYREEN RIVER 51J (B,S) (Mrs B Carley) B Carley 4-8-3	J Carr (5)	72
4	(6)	00-0266	MURILLO 42 (D,G,S) (F Carr) F Carr 12-8-3	B Raymond	85
5	(12)	130406	TARANGA 7 (F,S) (S Squires) J White 5-8-3	R Cochrane	85
7	(9)	5-23340	COSMIC FLIGHT 142 (CD,F,S) (D Broad) M Usher 5-8-0	A Culhane (3)	70
9	(4)	000000	MRS CHRIS 23 (C,F) (Mrs H North) M Naughton 6-8-0	G Carter	91
10	(7)	0/R10-05	MY DERYA 150 (B,D,G,S) (Mrs H Akyuz) B McMahon 5-8-0	Dean McKeown	—
11	(5)	4/000000	NORTH LAKE 24 (Countess of Lonsdale) R Whitaker 5-8-0	P Burke (5)	● 99
12	(11)	64200-0	PALAIS DE DANSE 72J (G Simpson) A Potts 4-8-0	G Bardwell (3)	62
17	(10)	040pp3	HALLOWED 30J (Mrs M J Preece) P Pritchard 6-8-11	S Perks	94
20	(2)	4-32006	BAMBOLERO 10 (F Warren) P Makin 3-8-7	—	—
21	(8)	000000	JUBILENT KING 10 (Mrs N Parks) S Bowring 3-8-7	W Ryan	91
25	(1)	000420	PRAIRIE AGENT 51 (Mrs B Stevenson) P Felgate 3-8-4	—	—

BETTING: 11-4 Palais De Danse, 7-2 Prairie Agent, 9-2 Cosmic Flight, 6-1 Taranga, 7-1 Lyreen River, 8-1 My Derya, 12-1 Hallowed, 14-1 others.

1987: LAHARNA GIRL 3-8-4 P Cook (5-1) W Hastings-Bass 16 ran

3.15 WHITELANE APPRENTICE SERIES FINAL (Handicap: £2,175: 1m) (22 runners)

1	(11)	005200	CHIMES OF THE DAWN 7 (D,F) (C Cyzer) S Norton 4-10-1	—	92
4	(17)	000-130	SUNDOWNER 45J (D,G) (T Sivier) Mrs S Oliver 3-9-2	Alison Stoddart (4)	93
5	(7)	050000	MURPHY 6 (D,F,G) (Mrs S Brook) R Whitaker 4-9-1	M Marshall	98
6	(16)	255106	CHEERFUL TIMES 9 (CD,G,S) (M Sturgess) K Ivory 5-8-11	D Lowe	94
7	(19)	105023	RAPID LAD 6 (D,F,G,S) (S Bonsberry) J Spearing 10-8-10	N Gwilliams	93
10	(8)	0010305	TUFTY LADY 102 (D,F) (T Davis) I Campbell 4-8-6	P Hagarty	92
11	(4)	000444	PONIARD 34 (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 3-8-8	T Thompson (4)	91
12	(21)	061544	MY OVER 21 (D,S) (J Spittle) B McMahon 3-8-5	Donna Heyman (4)	96
13	(13)	64865	RED PLANET 53 (R Entenmann) Miss M Piggott 3-8-4	G Hind	95
15	(16)	154724	HOT YET 19 (CD,F,G) (Mrs V Mooney) E Weymes 4-8-3	R Perham (4)	87
18	(1)	000040-	READY WIT 349 (D,F,G,S) (D Allan) R Hannon 7-8-2	P Dalton	88
21	(5)	202006	TRY SCORER 6 (B,D,F,S) (H Thompson) Denys Smith 6-8-2	P Burke	95
22	(12)	600000	SUSAN HENCHARD 7 (G) (Mrs M Bellamy) M Aviace 4-8-1	S Wood	86
23	(18)	460014	REGENT LAD 6 (D,F) (F Tyldesley) Miss L Siddall 4-8-0	I Hughes (4)	96
24	(15)	600010	SPATS COLUMBO 21 (F) (I Guise) B McMahon 4-8-0	Debbie Wheatley (4)	91
25	(22)	202005	SPARKFORD LAD 7 (B,D,G,S) (A Wheatley) D Elsworth 6-7-13	Dale Gibson	● 89
27	(3)	000033	CAPTAIN CUTE 14 (J Foulds) D Thom 3-7-13	Adelaide Armes (4)	96
29	(20)	022302	TOM RUM 19 (D,BF,F) (Mrs D Blackburn) H Candy 5-7-12	M Hughes (4)	96
30	(14)	430050-	HEAVENLY HOOPER 19 (D,F,G) (J Bianchi) Denys Smith 5-7-11	B Doyle (4)	87
31	(6)	350000	EL PADRINO 12 (Mrs C Britain) C Britain 3-7-10	M A Giles	93
32	(5)	0-86210	SUPER TRUCKER 59 (S) (J Adams) W Haigh 5-7-10	A Popely	—
34	(2)	00-0000	TRIPLE TOP 31 (B Roberts) Miss L Siddall 3-7-9	—	—

BETTING: 9-1 Captain Cute, 7-1 Poniard, 8-1 Sundowner, 8-1 Try Scorer, 10-1 Rapid Lad, Heavenly Hooper, Tufty Lady, 12-1 Hot Yet, Super Trucker, 14-1 Regent Lad, 16-1 others.

1987: CHEERFUL TIMES 4-8-4 P Barnard (6-1) K Ivory 15 ran

3.45 WHITELANE HANDICAP (£3,735: 5f) (14 runners)

3	(8)	210600	RESTLESS DON 39 (CD,F) (D Sherwin) J Berry 3-9-10	J Carroll	86
5	(4)	362624	ALL IS FORGIVEN 2 (B,D,BF,F,G) (Mrs I Norman) D Thom 8-9-3	B Crossley	96
11	(11)	0-00000	REBEL RAISER 32 (F) (R Scott) M Ryan 4-8-11	J Ryan (5)	94
13	(6)	0-020000	CELTIC BIRD 10 (D,F,G,S) (J Cooke) J Balding 8-8-10	N Day	86
20	(12)	100000	DENSBEN 5 (D,G,S) (Mrs J Pike) Denys Smith 4-8-4	R Cochrane	92
22	(13)	100000	TACHYON PARK 21 (B,D,F,G) (J Rowland) P Arthur 6-8-2	W Ryan	95
23	(9)	400163	BECKINGHAM BEN 19 (V,D,BF,F,G) (H Pickering) J Leigh 4-8-1	P Dalton (7)	93
24	(2)	600504	CREE BAY 20 (B,CD,F,G,S) (D Oseman) J Spearing 9-8-1	C Rutter	94
27	(10)	2-00060	SPITTIN NICK 52 (D,F) (Sandracor Textiles Co Ltd) M H Easterby 4-8-1	J Birch (7)	92
28	(1)	204201	THEKKIAN 18 (D,F,G) (C Owens) R Hollinshead 4-8-1 (7ex)	A Culhane (3)	94
29	(5)	001015	BELLA SEVILLE 5 (B,CD,F,G,S) (H Duddin) T Barron 4-8-0	G Carter	95
30	(14)	502403	SEW HIGH 10 (CD,F,G,S) (R Thornhill) B McMahon 5-8-0	A Mackay	● 99
33	(3)	004410	SLEEPERS 13 (B,D,F,G) (D Harding) C Booth 4-7-7	G Bardwell (3)	85
35	(7)	040000	EVER SO SHARP 20 (D,F,G) (P Wheeler) J Smith 5-7-7	—	75

Long handicaps: Sleepers 7-6, Ever So Sharp 6-3.
BETTING: 4-1 Thekkian, 11-2 Bella Seville, 6-1 All Is Forgiven, 7-1 Tachyon Park, Cree Bay, 8-1 Restless Don, Beckingham Ben, 10-1 Densben, 14-1 Sleepers, 16-1 others.

1987: SPACEMAKER BOY 7-8-9 Pat Eddery (8-1) R Thompson 16 ran

4.15 TRINIDAD & TOBAGO HANDICAP (£1,998: 2m 1f 24yd) (14 runners)

1	(3)	00/10-0	WATER CANNON 174 (V,F,G,S) (F Lee) F Lee 7-8-10	S Parks	80
2	(4)	426245	TEMPLE REEF 18 (B,S) (Mrs A Ferguson) J Dunlop 4-8-9	A Clark	90
4	(14)	02605-0	SOMEONE ELSE 7 (B) (T Sivlar) A James 4-8-4	—	90
5	(1)	035342	SWEET ENOUGH 23 (R Richards) C Britain 3-8-1	B Raymond	92
8	(6)	053001	PETER MARTIN 21 (B,F) (F Lee) F Lee 7-8-5	R Cochrane	● 95
9	(13)	605300	MR TAYLOR 14 (F) (Taylors of Soham Ltd) H Collingridge 3-8-5	M Rimmer	93
10	(5)	0400/5	AYDINOUR 34 (B Yule) R Thompson 8-8-4	P Bradwell	—
12	(2)	0-06000	ROYAL NATIVE 13 (Heathevon Stables Limited) J Spearing 5-8-3	J

FOOTBALL: CHAMPIONS TAKE A FALL AFTER GILLESPIE'S INJURY WHILE NOTTINGHAM FOREST MAKE PROGRESS TOWARDS HIGHER GROUND

Foul aftertaste as Liverpool fail again on foreign soil

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

Luton Town..... 1
Liverpool..... 0

Steve Foster, in wounding the right knee of Gary Gillespie, has damaged Liverpool's ambitions of retaining the title. The defence of the champions was vulnerable, as Mick Harford had already adequately illustrated in the third minute, even before the shuddering collision midway through the first half at Kenilworth Road.

Ray Harford had predicted that, without the injured Hansen and Grobbelaar, Liverpool would not remain intact. "Most of their clean sheets are down to those two," the Luton manager said. Now their second most reliable defender has been added, perhaps for months rather than weeks, to an already extensive casualty list.

Kenny Dalglish diplomatically refrained from accusing Luton's captain of cold-blooded malice. In his words, "You canna prove intent." But it did appear that Foster, having lost control of the ball on the wretched artificial surface, lunged over the top of it and into Gillespie's outstretched leg.

It collapsed instantly and so, in visible agony, did he. Unable to straighten the limb, he was carried away. The tackle, whether launched deliberately or not, is feared because it can inflict horrific damage. Beglin, for instance, was the victim of a similar challenge two years ago and has yet to reappear for Liverpool's first team.

No action was taken by the inconsistent referee. He neither booked Foster nor, surprisingly, did he even award a free kick. But the view of the man in charge is no longer necessarily considered the end of the matter, as was confirmed recently in the case against Davis.

The guilt of Arsenal's midfield player was graphically illustrated on ITV. The innocence of Foster was not convincingly proved on Saturday evening on the BBC's abbreviated highlights. He might be considered fortunate that the eye of the camera strayed marginally but crucially at the moment of contact.

The incident was shown more clearly on Luton's own video, which would also provide evidence of the club's luck. Had Barnes shaken off the cobwebs that had gathered during an absence of five games, Liverpool might have been comfortably ahead even before Gillespie departed prematurely.

Although Rush continues to be no more than a pale shadow of his former self, Beardsley created enough opportunities for his colleagues, and Barnes in particular, for Liverpool to have won. On this occasion, they could not use the pitch as a genuine excuse for their defeat. Nor did Dalglish need to.

Ray Harford did so for him. He admitted: "We have lost our creative ability at home because our new players are not accustomed to it." He added that Williams, a one-touch player, has had to modify his approach and neither Dreyer nor Oldfield has settled on plastic.

The trio are at least given the opportunity to practise on it regularly and follow the advice of their manager "To take two touches and play to feet". The rest of the first division are at a huge disadvantage. The sooner the carpet is rolled up and the experiment rejected as a failure the better.

LUTON TOWN: L Sealey; R Johnson, J Dreyer, S Williams, S Foster, M Donaghy, D Wilson, D Oldfield (sub: R Wegerle), M Harford, R Hill, K Black.

LIVERPOOL: M Hooper; G Gillespie (sub: G Ablett), B Venison, S Nicol, R Whelan, J Molby, P Beardsley, I Rush, R Houghton, J Barnes, K MacDonald.
Referee: J Martin.

Thomas award

Michael Thomas, the Arsenal midfield player, has won the first £250 Barclays Young Eagle award of the season. Thomas, aged 21, has represented England at every level from under-17 to under-21.



High rise: Atkinson, of Ipswich, wins the ball from a defender (Photograph: Marc Aspland)

Chapman will add final touch to the Clough effect

By Clive White

Queen's Park Rangers.. 1
Nottingham Forest..... 2

What a pleasure it was to watch a game of football again at Loftus Road without having to put up with the painful sight of players struggling to come to terms with the law of gravity according to Omniturf. Apart from that fundamental reason for enjoyment, which not even fussy refereeing could deny us, we were privileged to watch two teams totally committed to the pursuit of success by the classical means of playing the ball through midfield.

Few teams do that better than Nottingham Forest, whose football can be as charming as their manager can be insulting. Forest were the only club in the first division without a win before Saturday, and it was encouraging to see such style rewarded at last with a narrowly deserved victory.

One needed only a glance at the League table and another at the size of their forward line, now that Paul Wilkinson has gone, to see where the problem lies. The sooner Sheffield Wednesday and Niort sort out their differences over exchange rates and Lee Chapman is allowed to bring his height to bear on the Forest forward line, the sooner we will see Forest's championship challenge growing in stature.

It has placed a heavy burden of responsibility on the shoulders of Nigel Clough. Involved in most of the game's more abrasive moments, when he was usually the victim, he nevertheless collected himself sufficiently to display a subtlety of touch which drew praise from even Allen, his arch antagonist. "He's got a good brain," Allen said. "He makes up for his lack of pace with speed of thought."

On the question of speed, there was an interesting suggestion from Trevor Francis, whose own accelerator at 34 is still responding nicely. While conceding that Nigel Clough had worthy international claims, Francis put forward the England case of two others — Des Walker and Paul Parker, his own team colleague.

"If England played with a sweeper, what better man-to-man markers than Walker and Parker?" he said. "With their electrifying pace, which is what you need at international level, they could make it very difficult for the best of forwards."

It was a pity for Rangers that the versatile Parker, performing in midfield, was not on hand to show Maddix how to tackle cleanly in the area. Even so, the penalty award in the 33rd minute was debatable, unlike Clough's finish from the spot. Rangers, who had lost Dennis with a dislocated shoulder after 20 minutes, were worthy of the headed equalizer from Stein, the substitute, just before half-time.

But Forest's willingness to press forward to search for that elusive victory was always liable to meet with some reward. With four minutes remaining, just after a Francis drive had been deflected onto the crossbar, a shot from Foster also took a deflection but this one veered wickedly past Johns in the Rangers goal.

QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS: N Johns; D Maddix, M Dennis (sub: M Stein), P Parker, A McDonald, G Maguire, M Allen, T Francis, W Fereday, K Brock.
NOTTINGHAM FOREST: S Sutton; S Chettle, S Pearce, D Walker, C Foster, S Hodge, F Carr, N Webb, N Clough, T Gaynor, G Crosby.
Referee: D J Axcell.

● Alan McDonald, the Queen's Park Rangers defender, is still hopeful of leaving the club despite having a transfer request turned down last week. McDonald said that Jim Smith, the manager, had told him that he would listen to offers.

Fortune smiles on deserving cases

By Vince Wright

Charlton Athletic..... 2
Tottenham Hotspur..... 2

Neither team won at Selhurst Park on Saturday but the important thing was that football was the winner — by a wide margin — in a match of such good spirit that the referee seemed almost superfluous.

Resilience is a quality with which Tottenham are not usually associated but this season they are at their most dangerous when behind, which has been too often for the liking of their manager, Terry Venables. Charlton were even more impressive and if this had been a boxing contest they probably would have been awarded a points victory.

There were some magical moments from Gascoigne, Waddle and Stewart, having his first full game for Tottenham, but their influence was spasmodic rather than constant. The contributions of Humphrey, MacKenzie, Shirtliff and Williams, for Charlton, were less spectacular but more effective. The speed, close control and tenacity of Williams will trouble better defences than Tottenham's.

If there was an element of luck about Charlton's opening goal after 13 minutes — Peake's shot struck Mabbutt and looped over the outstretched arms of Mimms — Tottenham's equalizer 10 minutes into the second half was also tinged with fortune. The ball broke kindly for Stewart and, when he was fouled, Fenwick converted the penalty.

Jones seized on a ghastly error by Gascoigne to make the score 2-1 but there was a disappointing end for Charlton. With 13 minutes remaining, Leaburn astonishingly missed the target after Mimms obligingly had dropped the ball at his feet a few yards out. Allen, of Tottenham, made no such mistake when he was given a similar opportunity immediately afterwards.

CHARLTON ATHLETIC: R Bolder; J Humphrey, M Reid, S MacKenzie, P Shirtliff, A Peake, M Bennett, P Williams, S Gritt (sub: A Jones), C Leaburn, P Mortimer.
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: R Mimms; B Statham, M Thomas, T Fenwick, P Allen, G Mabbutt, P Walsh (sub: D Howells), P Gascoigne, C Waddle, V Samways, P Stewart.
Referee: J Worrall.

● Tottenham face a fine from the Football League after arriving late for the match. The coach did not arrive at the ground until 35 minutes before kick-off. A League ruling stipulates that the team sheet must be handed to the referee at least 45 minutes before the start.

Swindon wake up just in time

By Andrew Longmore

Swindon Town..... 1
Chelsea..... 1

The second division might be as open a race as for many seasons, but, on the evidence of this largely numbing match, not open enough for either of these teams. In the end, a share of the points, which Swindon earned with an 85th-minute equalizer, was about right.

Perhaps it was the fierce wind, perhaps Chelsea remembered their 4-0 drubbing by Swindon in the Simod Cup last season; whatever the reason, Chelsea played as if they had lost and not won their last three League games. With Roberts and Nicholas, they are not short on ageing muscle, but without Hazard they are short on guile, without Durie, short on pace.

Their two best chances of the first half, which involved Lee and Dixon, were wasted woefully. In the seventh minute, Lee stubbed his foot when put through by Dixon. Half an hour, and many misplaced passes later, Lee returned the compliment only for Dixon to blast over from 12 yards.

Swindon's best chance came just before the interval when Barnes hit the post with an angled left-foot drive. Midway through the second half, Chelsea went ahead with an absurdly simple goal. Dixon heading in Dorigo's free kick as Swindon's defence seemed hypnotized. Belatedly, Swindon awoke.

Jones had a 20-yard shot blocked by Freestone, but just as Chelsea seemed to have weathered the storm, Shearer dived in on the far post to head home White's flick for a popular and deserved equalizer, which set up a frantic finale.

SWINDON TOWN: S Digby; D Hockaday, P King, T Jones, A McLoughlin, J Gittens, S Foley, C Calderwood, D Shearer, S White, B Barnes (sub: L Barnard).

CHELSEA: R Freestone; G Hall, T Dorigo, G Roberts, C Pates, D Lee, D Wood, P Nicholas, K Dixon, K Wilson, J Bumstead.
Referee: M Bodenham.

Ipswich let standards slip

By Nicholas Harling

Ipswich Town..... 1
Manchester City..... 0

The need to acquire first division status must have come to something when a club such as Ipswich Town, which has done all within its powers to foster a positive image over the years, forgets much of what its reputation has stood for. If promotion is the criterion, however, Ipswich will feel they have taken a step in the right direction by beating a team destined to be among their closest rivals.

Still, Saturday's belligerent play hardly enhanced the Suffolk club's credibility as standard-bearers for fair play. One player, Linigan, was sent off for elbowing an opponent, Morley, but the real transgressor, Dozzell, escaped with a booking for the callous foul which limited the appearance of Seagraves to 12 minutes and sent the Manchester City full back home with four stitches in a jagged wound above his right knee, after there had been genuine fears that he had broken his leg.

As someone who had become acquainted with Ipswich's ideals during his 14 years up the road at Norwich, Mel Machin, the City manager, could only say: "They used to be such a joy to watch. I am just disappointed . . ."

Machin, like many of the largest crowd of the season at Portman Road, believed that City deserved something for their contribution to a second half that, apart from one lone raid on Dibble by Atkinson, was one long flurry of attacks on the Ipswich goal. Had not all of City's best chances fallen to Moulden, who lacked the guile or power to put them away, City might have comfortably extended their sequence to six victories.

The most encouraging aspect of City's play is that nearly all of it is along the ground, often stemming from the accurate distribution of Redmond, even though on this occasion he was prevented from strutting around by the pace of Atkinson, his chief adversary.

McNab beavers away as ever in midfield, but one of his chief attacking options was limited this time by Hill, cleverly restricting to a couple of unproductive forays down the right.

The bitterest pill for City was that Dozzell, having put Seagraves out of the game, should then score the only goal from Lowe's shrewd pass, after a free kick that should never have been awarded. McNab's booking for his challenge on Milton merely added to City's sense of grievance.

IPSWICH TOWN: C Forrest; F Yallop, D Hill, R Zondervan, A Humes, D Linigan, D Lowe, J Dozzell, S Milton, D Atkinson, M D'Avray.
MANCHESTER CITY: A Dibble; M Seagraves (sub: W Williams), A Hinchcliffe, B Gayle, W Biggins, S Redmond, D White, P Moulden, T Morley, N McNab, P Lake.
Referee: P Danson.

Derby left short by Wright's wrongs

By Dennis Shaw

Derby County..... 0
Norwich City..... 1

Arthur Cox, the Derby manager, chose not to voice his feelings about Mark Wright's actions in a few mad moments of self-destruction at the Baseball Ground. Had Cox done so, his thoughts would have doubtless echoed the question posed by the majority: what on earth possessed Wright to throw discipline to the winds in such irresponsible fashion?

The Derby captain's two indiscretions were, perhaps, linked. First, early in the second half, he conceded an own goal in an uncontrolled goalmouth scramble. Then, as play restarted, he dashed 20 yards or so in visible rage to join a touchline fracas caused by McMinn's challenge on Bowen and Putney's wild, hacking retaliation.

Both Putney and Wright were sent off and wait for the referee's report to arrive at Lancaster Gate. Of the pair, Wright has more to lose, though each will be fined by his club and suspended by the Football Association.

It is but just three weeks since Wright's pride in being captain, his determination to help County to higher things, and his ambition to restore his England place were reported here. Such aims could take many moons to achieve, or a few seconds of mindless folly to undermine. Norwich did, to be fair, reveal some examples of the smooth possession play that has taken them to their lofty perch, while Derby confirmed their need for a proven goalscorer, plus more maturity when under stress.

Had Wright acted like a true captain, however, by setting an example of restraint, his side could have spent the last 35 minutes with the advantage of 11 players against 10.

DERBY COUNTY: P Stilton; M Sage, M Forsyth, G Williams, M Wright, P Blades, T McMinn, D Penney, P Goddard, T Hebberd, N Pickering.
NORWICH CITY: B Gunn; I Culverhouse, M Bowen, I Butterworth, A Linighan, I Crook (sub: A Townsend), D Gordon, R Fleck (sub: M Allen), R Rosario, M Phelan, T Putney.
Referee: A Saville.

Blood and blunder

Rangers' unbeaten progress through the Scottish championship campaign came to a bloody end at Aberdeen (Roddy Forsyth writes). The leaders lost Durrant, their key midfield player, with a cruciate ligament injury which could rule him out of football for a long time.

The memory of McCoist, of Rangers, his jersey drenched in blood from a head wound, jumping against McLeish, who was similarly afflicted, will serve as a reminder that these sides too often produce unsavoury encounters.

Durrant's exit after five minutes' play should have been followed by the departure of his assailant, Simpson. The Aberdeen player had himself been the victim of early brushes with his former clubmate, Cooper.

An unsettled Rangers revived to take the lead seven minutes before half-time through Cooper. Aberdeen were level within 10 minutes of the interval when Bett converted a penalty. With five minutes left, Nicholas headed the winner.

The restoration of Celtic's fortunes was vividly illustrated at Parkhead when they swept St Mirren aside with a 7-1 win.

Leeds still on the slide

By Martin Searby

Leeds United..... 0
Watford..... 1

The latest dispirited performance by Leeds United suggested that whoever is appointed manager will need plenty of help in stopping the slide that has taken the club to within three points of the bottom of the second division.

Davison and Baird, the Leeds forwards, have only three goals between them this season and their latest misses were followed by Coton's save from Stiles.

Gradually, Watford took charge and Porter, with a 20-yard shot, and Blissett, with a header from Holden's overhead kick, created doubts which Leeds never overcame. They had three chances to halt the attack that led to the winning goal after 62 minutes: Blissett ran across the face of Blake, who lacked the pace to challenge; Adams failed to rob Sherwood; and Hodges out-jumped Aspin at the far post to meet Gibbs's cross.

Leeds are in such disarray, the new manager's priority will be survival rather than promotion.

LEEDS UNITED: M Day; N Aspin, M Adams, J Stiles (sub: G Snodin), N Blake, D Rennie, D Batty, J Sheridan, I Baird, R Davison (sub: J Pearson), V Hilaire.
WATFORD: A Coton; N Gibbs, W Rostron (sub: D Bamber), K Jackett, D Holdsworth, J McClelland, G Hodges, P Wilkinson, L Blissett, G Porter, R Holden (sub: T Sherwood).
Referee: M G Peck.

Linfield wait for their gold cup opponents

Who meets whom in the semi-final of the TNT gold cup will not be decided until the outcome of tomorrow night's fixtures (George Ace writes).

Linfield, with 18 points from six games, will meet the runners-up in section B, where Glentoran lead Newry Town by a point. But that situation could change if Newry defeat Cliftonville and Glentoran fail to overcome Coleraine at the Showgrounds. It was at Newry on Saturday that the Irish League goalscoring records were rewritten when Eamonn Hawkins scored all five Newry goals in their 5-2 win over Carrick Rangers.

Everton recover verve

By Ian Ross

Everton..... 4
Southampton..... 1

Colin Harvey, the Everton manager, took a managerial gamble on Saturday, including three players whose level of fitness was debatable against an in-form Southampton side.

The only member of the Everton back four attuned to senior football was Snodin, normally a a midfield player, whose defensive limitations were exposed as early as the second minute when Southampton took the lead through a Danny Wallace header.

But thereafter Snodin more than compensated for the obvious shortcomings of Ratcliffe, Watson and Van Den Hauwe.

The score was levelled after 20 minutes when Cottee drove home splendidly from 18 yards for his first goal in more than a month. Southampton survived until half-time only to be undone by two further goals within seven minutes of the restart.

Watson headed in a sublime Snodin cross and Cottee hooked home his second goal as Everton's dramatic resurrection continued unchecked. Steven added a fourth goal five minutes from the end.

EVERTON: N Southall; I Snodin, P Van Den Hauwe, K Ratcliffe, D Watson, P Reid, A Heath, S McCall, G Sharp, T Cottee, T Steven.
SOUTHAMPTON: J Burridge; G Forrest, D Statham, J Case, M Blake, R Osman, R Wallace (sub: M Le Tissier), G Baker, C Clarke, P Rideout, D Wallace (sub: F Ben Ali).
Referee: G Tyson.

● Colin Harvey is to enter hospital for a second hip-replacement operation.

WEEKEND FOOTBALL RESULTS AND TABLES

Barclays League

First division

Aston Villa	0	Wimbledon	1
Charlton	2	Tottenham	2
Derby	0	Norwich	1
Everton	4	Southampton	1
Luton	1	Liverpool	0
Middlesbrough	1	West Ham	0
Newcastle	0	Coventry	3
QPR	1	Nottm For	2

Yesterday

Mercantile Credit

Centenary Trophy Final

ARSENAL (2)	2	MAN UTD (0)	1
Davis, Thomas		Blackmore 22,182	

(Villa Park)

	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Norwich	7	3	1	1	6	5	3	0	0	6	2	16
Millwall	6	3	0	0	6	3	1	2	0	7	4	14
Coventry	6	1	0	2	6	5	3	0	0	6	1	12
Liverpool	7	1	1	1	3	3	2	1	1	7	2	11
Man Utd	6	2	1	0	3	0	1	1	1	4	3	11
Southampton	7	2	1	1	7	4	1	1	1	4	6	11
Arsenal	6	2	1	0	4	5	3	0	1	13	6	10
Everton	7	2	1	1	9	4	1	0	2	3	4	10
Sheffield W	6	3	0	1	5	3	0	0	1	1	3	10
Middlesbro	7	2	0	1	4	3	1	0	3	6	8	9
Nottm For	7	0	3	0	2	2	1	2	1	5	5	8
Derby	7	2	0	2	3	2	0	2	1	2	3	8
Luton	7	1	1	1	3	4	1	1	2	3	3	8
Charlton	7	0	2	2	4	10	2	0	1	6	5	8
Tottenham	6	1	1	1	7	7	0	1	3	0	5	5
Aston Villa	7	0	3	1	4	5	1	1	1	5	5	7
QPR	7	1	0	2	3	3	1	1	2	3	4	7
Wimbledon	7	1	0	3	3	8	1	1	1	3	3	7
Newcastle	7	0	1	2	2	7	1	1	2	4	9	5
West Ham	7	0	1	2	4	9	1	0	3	1	7	4

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Barking 0, Leytonstone-Ilford 1; Bromley 1, Windsor and Eton 1; Carshalton 1, Croydon 0; Dulwich 5, Wokingham 1; Hayes 2, Tooting and Mitcham 0; Hendon 1, Bognor 1; Kingstonian 0, Grays 0, Leyton-Wingate 1, Dagenham 0, Marlow 1. Bishop's Stortford 2, St Albans 2, Famborough 0, Slough 1, Harrow 1. First division: Basildon 1, Walton and Hersham 3; Basingstoke 2, Chalfont St Peter 0; Chesham 1, Metropolitan Police 4, Hitchin 6, Collier Row 1; Kingsbury 1, Wembley 1, Leatherhead 3, Bracknell 0; Lewes 3, Hampton 1; Southwick 0, Uxbridge 2; Staines 5, Worthing 3; Woking 4, Boreham Wood 1. Second division north: Hoverdge 2, Vauxhall Motors 0. Second division south: Dorking 5, Camberley 0; Harefield 0, Horsham 0; Yeading 2, Chertsey 2.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Dawlish 2, Weston-super-Mare 3; Exmouth 3, Clevedon 1; Mangotsfield 3, Bideford 1; Saltash 2, Taunton 1, Torrington 1, Liskeard 2.

Second division

Barnsley	2	West Brom	1
Blackburn	5	C Palace	4
Bournemouth	0	Birmingham	1
Ipswich	1	Manchester C	0
Leeds	0	Watford	1
Leicester	1	Brighton	0
Oldham	2	Stoke	2
Plymouth	3	Bradford	1
Portsmouth	2	Oxford Utd	1
Shrewsbury	1	Hull	3
Walsall	2	Sunderland	0

Yesterday

SWINDON (0)	1	CHELSEA (0)	1
Snearer		Dixon 11,347	

	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Watford	10	4	0	1	11	4	3	1	1	8	5	22
Blackburn	9	3	1	0	11	5	3	1	1	7	4	20
Ipswich	9	3	1	0	7	3	3	1	1	9	5	20
Man City	10	3	1	1	10	5	2	1	2	6	5	17
Barnsley	10	2	2	1	6	5	2	1	2	7	8	16
Bradford	10	3	2	0	8	6	2	1	2	5	7	16
Portsmouth	10	3	1	1	11	5	1	2	2	7	10	15
Swindon	9	2	2	0	8	3	3	1	3	1	6	7	14
Plymouth	9	3	1	1	8	10	2	1	1	3	4	13	14
Oldham	10	3	2	0	10	5	0	2	3	4	9	13	13
Oxford	10	3	2	0	10	5	0	2	3	4	9	13	13
Hull	10	1	3	1	4	5	2	1	2	8	7	13	13
Leicester	10	2	2	1	5	4	1	2	2	7	10	13	13
Oldham	10	2	2	0	12	5	1	1	2	3	8	12	12
Bournemth	9	2	1	1	7	3	2	1	2	5	7	12	12
Walsall	9	2	2	1	10	4	0	3	1	2	4	11	11
C Palace	9	2	2	1	8	5	0	3	1	6	7	11	11
WBA	10	1	2	2	4	4	1	3	1	5	5	11	11
Stoke	10	1	3	1	5	5	1	2	2	4	8	11	11
Sunderland	9	2	3	0	7	5	0	1	3	2	7	10	10
Leeds	9	1	2	2	4	5	0	1	3	2	8	6	6
Birmingham	9	1	0	3	8	11	1	0	4	2	13	6	4
Shrewsbury	9	0	2	3	4	11	0	2	2	2	6	4	4
Brighton	9	1	0	4	4	8	0	0	4	3	9	3	3

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Alvechurch 0, Corby 1; Bath 0, Moor Green 2; Bedworth 0, Dorchester 1; Cambridge City 2, Waterlooville 1; Cranleigh 1, Bromsgrove 1; Dartford 3, Burton 0; Gosport 2, Redditch 0; VS Rugby 2, Farenam 0; Weidstone 2, Leicester United 1. Midland division: Atherstone 2, Wellingborough 1; Banbury 0, Tamworth 2; Bridgnorth 0, Sutton Coldfield 1; Coventry Sporning 0, Gloucester 2; Dudley 3, King's Lynn 1, Grantham 5, Nuneaton 0, Redmesford 2, Halesowen 3; Willenhall 0, Forest Green 1. Southern division: Buckingham 0, Folkestone 0; Burnham 6, Sheppey 1; Corinthian 0, Trowbridge 1, Gravesend and Northfleet 1, Poole 2; Hounslow 3, Erith and Belvedere 0, Salisbury 1, Chelmsford 2, Thanet 1, Dunstable 1; Tonbridge 0, Bury 2; Witney 1, Andover 2.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Emley 3, Gusseley 1; North Ferriby 0, Hatfield Main 0; Thackley 2, Pontefract Collieries 1.

Third division

Bolton	2	Blackpool	2
Bristol C	1	Fulham	2
Cardiff	1	Reading	2
Gillingham	0	Chesterfield	1
Mansfield	2	Bristol R	1
Northampton	1	Huddersfield	3
Preston	1	Bury	0
Sheffield Utd	2	Wolves	0
Wigan	0	Port Vale	2

Yesterday

ALDERSHT (0)	0	SWANSEA (1)	1
2,809		D'Auria	
BRENTFRD (0)	4	SOUTHEND (0)	0
Evans, Simon (2), Cockram		5,016	
NOTTS CO (1)	2	CHESTER (1)	2
Birtles (2)		Benjamin, Barrow 5,772	

	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Port Vale	9	3	0	1	14	3	3	2	0	9	4	20
Sheffield U	8	4	0	0	16	2	2	0	2	5	8	16
Mansfield	9	3	2	0	9	5	1	3	0	3	2	17
Bolton	9	3	2	0	12	5	1	2	2	6	5	17
Wolves	9	2	2	0	6	4	2	1	2	11	9	15
Chester	9	3	1	0	9	3	1	2	2	9	15	15
Bradford	9	3	1	1	8	5	1	1	2	5	6	14
Fulham	9	2	2	0	5	3	2	0	3	10	10	14
Swansea	8	1	2	1	5	7	3	0	1	5	5	14
Northampton	9	3	0	2	12	5	1	1	2	3	6	13
Reading	9	2	1	1	9	5	2	0	3	5	8	13
Huddersfield	9	2	2	1	10	4	1	0	3	4	10	13
Bristol C	9	2	1	2	8	7	1	2	1	3	4	12
Bristol R	9	2	2	1	7	6	1	2	2	7	12	12
Preston	9	3	1	1	6	5	0	2	2	1	4	12
Notts Co	9	1	3	1	7	5	1	2	1	3	4	11
Bury	9	1	2	1	8	5	1	2	1	3	4	11
Blackpool	9	1	2	1	3	5	1	1	2	2	5	10
Wigan	8	2	1	1	5	3	1	0	3	2	7	10
Gillingham	9	1	2	1	4	5	1	1	2	4	4	7
Southend	9	1	2	1	3	3	0	1	4	1	14	6
Chesterfld	9	1	0	3	3	8	1	0	4	1	16	6
Cardiff	9	1	1	3	5	7	0	1	2	1	10	6
Aldershot	9	1	1	3	5	9	0	1	3	3	11	5

IRISH LEAGUE: TNT Gold Cup: Section A: Ballymena 1, Portadown 4, Coleraine 3, Linfield 4. Leading positions: 1, Linfield, played 6, 18pts; 2, Coleraine, 6, 9; 3, Portadown, 6, 9. Section B: Ards 1, Cliftonville 2, Glentoran 3, Bangor 2, Newry 5, Carrick 2. Leading positions: 1, Glentoran, played 6, 16pts; 2, Newry 6, 15.

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Reading 1, Chelsea 6; Tottenham 2, Swindon 0, West Ham 6, Oxford 1.

Fourth division

Burnley	3	Exeter	0
Cambridge	2	Halifax	1
Colchester	1	Scunthorpe	2
Darlington	1	Rotherham	1
Doncaster	1	Hartlepool	0
Grimsby	0	Peterborough	0
Hereford	2	Carlisle	1
Rochdale	1	Stockport	1
Scarborough	0	Leyton O	1
Torquay	1	Lincoln	0
Wrexham	0	Crewe	0

	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Burnley	9	5	0	0	14	1	1	2	1	3	4	20
Scarboro	9	2	3	0	11	7	3	0	1	11	5	18
Rotherham	9	2	1	1	9	4	3	1	1	9	2	17
Rochdale	9	3	1	1	7	5	2	1	1	6	6	17
Crewe	9	3	1	0	8	3	1	3	1	4	4	16
Cambridge	9	4	0	1	12	7	1	0	3	6	10	15
Torquay	9	4	0	1	7	3	1	0	3	4	10	15
Hartlepool	9	3	0	1	6	4	2	0	3	5	7	15
Lincoln	9	2	2	1	5	3	2	1	2	7	6	14
Tranmere	9	2	2	1	6	4	2	0	3	6	4	13
Doncaster	9	2	1	1	9	7	1	1	3	4	8	13
Scunthorpe	9	2	1	1	5	2	1	2	3	8	8	12
Hereford	9	3	0	2	9	8	1	0	3	3	9	12
Stockport	9	1	3	0	4	3	1	2	2	6	5	11
Exeter	9	2	1	1	9	5	1	1	3	5	9	11
Wrexham	9	1	3	1	7	5	1	2	1	6	8	11
Colchester	9	2	0	3	6	7	1	2	1	4	5	11
York	9	1	1	2	5	9	2	0	3	2	11	10
Leyton O	9	2	1	1	6	3	0	2	3	1	8	9
Grimsby	9	1	2	2	2	7	1	1	3	5	8	9
Halifax	9	1	1	2	10	8	1	1	3	8	12	8
Peterboro	9	1	1	2	3	6	0	4	1	5	6	8
Carlisle	9	0	2	2	4	7	0	3	2	8	10	5
Darlington	9	0	4	1	7	10	0	0	4	3	9	4

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Barrow 1, Carnarvon 0; Buxton 3, Southport 3, Fleetwood 2, Worksop 1; Gainsborough 1, Marine 2; Gateshead 2, Hyde 0; Horwich 1, Frickley 4; Matlock 3, Stalybridge 0; Mossley 0, South Liverpool 1; Sheosbed 2, Morecambe 2; Witton 3, Goole 0

CRICKET

Miandad joins elite 7,000 club to stem the Australian flow

From Richard Streeton, Lahore

Javed Miandad, who passed 7,000 Test runs in his career, and Salim Malik halted any speculation that the Pakistan batting would break down against Australia yesterday on the third day of the third Test match here.

They stayed together after three wickets had fallen relatively quickly as Pakistan replied to Australia's first innings of 340. Pakistan were 165 for three by the close. A thunderstorm caused 90 minutes play to be lost.

The Australians batted more than 11 hours and their thinking was not always easy to understand. Though the Pakistan spinners bowled superbly to restrict the main batsmen, it was surprising that the innings was allowed to run its course.

Australia need to win the game to square the series and it seemed pointless as the tailenders lingered. This pitch is not going to crumble this side of Christmas.

Dropped catches, though, again did nothing to help the Australian cause, with Waugh the culprit at second slip. Waugh, who had ended his lean spell with a determined 59, must have felt he had returned to the slough of despond when early on he dropped both batsmen from fairly straightforward chances.

Australia looked a shade fortunate when they made a breakthrough three minutes before lunch. Mudassar padded away the ball against May, and Boon held it as he tumbled forward at short leg. Appeals for the catch were upheld. It might just have been glove but certainly the bat was never near the ball. The thunderstorm broke during the interval: early tea was taken and 22 overs were lost.

Ramiz continued in the same, attractive vein on the resumption before he attempted to square cut Reid and Healy held a low snick to his right. Ramiz struck eight fours and looked in the mood to make a big score.

Miandad looked distinctly edgy and took 85 minutes to reach double figures. Shoaib, however, drove a no-ball from Reid straight to Waugh at mid-off and charged down the wicket for a run and Miandad responded. Waugh made a brilliant interception and hit the stumps at the bowler's end, all in one flowing movement and Shoaib was well out.

Miandad finally reached 18 and his 7,000 Test runs when he drove Dodemaide through the covers for four. He is the first Pakistani to pass this milestone, which has been achieved by four Englishmen, three West Indians, two Australians and the Indian, Gavaskar, who tops the list with 10,122 runs.

Australia on Saturday scored 41 runs in the morning (Border 12), 72 in the afternoon, and 52 in the last session.

AUSTRALIA: First innings

D C Boon c Shoaib b Saleem Jaffer	43
*G R Marsh st Saleem Yousuf b Qasim	64
D M Jones lbw b Tauseef	0
*A R Border c Yousuf b Tauseef	75
G M Wood lbw b Mudassar	15
P L Taylor st Yousuf b Qadir	29
S R Waugh c Ijaz b Qasim	59
†I A Healy lbw b Qadir	0
A I C Dodemaide c Qasim b Qadir	14
T B A May not out	13
B A Reid c Mudassar b Tauseef	8
Extras (b 4, lb 12, nb 4)	20
Total	340

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-87, 2-88, 3-155, 4-208, 5-231, 6-241, 7-241, 8-294, 9-331.

BOWLING: Saleem Jaffer 33-9-82-1; Mudassar Nazar 15-5-23-1; Abdul Qadir 37-10-86-3; Tauseef Ahmed 50.5-20-86-3; Iqbal Qasim 21-6-41-2; Shoaib Mohammad 1-0-4-0.

PAKISTAN: First innings

Mudassar Nazar c Boon b May	27
Ramiz Raja c Healy b Reid	64
Shoaib Mohammad run out	19
*Javed Miandad not out	24
Salim Malik not out	22
Extras (lb 6, nb 9)	15
Total (3 wkts)	185

Ijaz Ahmed, †Saleem Yousuf, Tauseef Ahmed, Abdul Qadir, Iqbal Qasim and Saleem Jaffer to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-60, 2-104, 3-118.

BOWLING: Reid 19-3-43-1; Waugh 7-1-13-0; Dodemaide 11-1-30-0; May 18-3-62-1; Taylor 4-2-11-0.

GOLF: WEATHER HAS LAST WORD WITH WOMEN BUT MEN'S FINAL IS HELD OVER FOR ANOTHER DAY

Rain stops Lyle and Faldo's final play

By Mitchell Platts
Golf Correspondent

Nick Faldo and Sandy Lyle will, weather permitting, decide the destiny of the 25th Suntory World Match Play Championship late this afternoon after their 36-hole confrontation was abandoned without a shot being struck because of a torrential downpour at Wentworth yesterday.

The organizers found themselves with no option but to admit defeat because with more than 1¼ inches of rain falling in 12 hours, eight fairways were ruled out of action. The rain created as much damage as any experienced in the past and it was a frustrating day for all concerned especially the greenkeeping staff who worked diligently throughout.

Tony Gray, the director of policy for the PGA European Tour, said: "The weather beat us. The greens held up well but on many of the fairways it would simply have been impossible to take relief from casual water. We had hoped to play at least 18 holes in the afternoon but by three o'clock we knew that the only solution was to abandon for the day."

The plan is to start play at 8.30 this morning in the hope of completing all 36 holes although if the weather should once more prove an irritating opponent then the likelihood is that the championship will continue on Tuesday.



Time for reflection: Lyle (left) and Faldo manage to smile about what might have been in yesterday's postponed match

Peter German, the tournament director, said: "The tradition of this championship is founded on 36-hole matches and we believe it is especially important for the final to go that distance. We will be endeavouring to ensure that it does."

The prospect of an enthralling encounter exists with a second successive all-British final. On Saturday Faldo progressed by eliminating Ian Woosnam, the defending champion, on the last green and Lyle sauntered through by thrashing Severiano Ballesteros 7 and 6.

● The Laing Charity Classic came to a soggy, premature end yesterday without a fourth-round shot as unremitting rain made the course unplayable (Patricia Davies writes). The event did not sink without trace, however, for Marie-Laure de Lorenzi de Taya, the winner, had produced three rounds of such unsurpassed class that not even the most hardbitten cynic could devalue her victory.

The Frenchwoman's total of 203, the result of rounds of 67, 67 and 69, was 16 under par and left her seven shots clear of Caroline Griffiths, whose 64 on Saturday had vaulted her into second place for the first time in her career.

LEADING FINAL SCORES (GB and Ire unless stated): 203: M-L de Lorenzi de Taya (Fr), 67, 67, 69. 210: C Griffiths, 71, 75, 64. 211: C Dibnah (Aus), 73, 70, 68; P Conley (US), 67, 72, 72. 214: D Read, 71, 72, 71; J Brown, 72, 68, 74. 215: C Panton, 72, 71, 72. 216: L Davies, 72, 75, 69; T Hammond, 70, 73, 73. 217: A Jonas (Aus), 71, 76, 70. 218: P Gonzalez (Col), 74, 73, 71, 6 Hull, 70, 76, 72. 220: R Lautens (Switz), 75, 75, 69; F Dassu (It), 74, 77, 69; A Sheard (SA), 74, 72, 73. 221: D Dowling, 75, 71, 75. 222: C Soules (Fr), 77, 76, 69; S Lunsford (US), 74, 79, 69; K Wunsch (Sp), 76, 76, 70, M Wennersten (Swe), 74, 75, 73.

The hole-by-hole guide to Saturday's semi-final matches at Wentworth

HOLE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18		19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	
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S Ballesteros	4	2	4	5	2	4	4	5	4	3	4	5	3	3	3	4	4	4		5	3	5	4	3	3	5	4	4	4	3	5							

HOCKEY

Felsted enjoy opening

By Sydney Friskin

Old Felstedians	0
International XI	2

Felsted School, from whose playing fields have emerged several players of distinction, celebrated the opening of their £140,000 sand-built artificial turf pitch yesterday with an exciting match which ended in victory for an international side over a team of Old Felstedians.

Three outstanding Felstedians, Richard Oliver, Tim Lawson and Tony Ekins, revived vivid memories of their exploits in the past, as did Bernie Cotton, Mike Crowe and John Knight on the opposite side, all of whom were able to last the course.

Not lacking in mobility were four members of the England under-21 squad, Halls, Cross, Krishman and Nick Thompson, who tilted the balance in favour of the internationals, Thompson converting two of five short corners in the first half.

OLD FELSTEDIANS: J Garner (East Under-21); N Gadsby (Cambridgeshire), R Oliver (GB and Eng), T Lawson (GBritain and Sco), R Mitchell (Cambridge Universsity), T Ekins (GB and Eng, captain), J Hunnable (East Under-21), A Nott (Colchester, sub: M Norton, Colchester), N Anns (Cambridgeshire), P Magor (East), D Church (Midlands).

INTERNATIONAL XI: J Horst (GB and Eng; A Waldeck (Bedford School), B Cotton (GB and Eng, captain), Q Crowe (Suffolk), A Wallace (Eng), J Halls (Eng Under-21), M Crowe (GB and Eng), P Krishnaan (Eng Under-21), N Thompson (Eng Under-21), M Cross (Eng Under-21), J Knight (GB and Eng).

Umpires: K Bailey and J Keep (Eastern Counties).

● Manchester University's sand-filled artificial turf pitch was opened with a match in which Cheshire defeated an England XI 1-0, Crutchley scoring in the first minute of the second half from a pass by Wilkinson.

SQUASH RACKETS

Parke secures two targets with one win

In yesterday's semi-finals of the British Closed under-21 championship, Simon Parke needed just 38 minutes to win 9-3, 9-1, 9-1 against Robert Graham and so take a higher ranking in the Cannons Club national league squad (Colin McQuillan writes).

Parke's other ambition for the tournament was achieved at second-hand when Peter Marshall was removed 9-4, 9-0, 9-5 in 47 minutes by Stephen Meads, of Berkshire, from the second under-21 semi-final.

Marshall and Parke have long been ranked level in the Yorkshire league Harrogate team. Under new Yorkshire residency rules, one of them looks likely to lose his Harrogate place this season; Parke may be secure.

BOWLS

Oyster's fine opening

By Gordon Allan

Oyster, an indoor club opened at Whitstable 12 months ago, marked their first appearance in the Anglia Secure Homes championship with a 79-74 win over Grattons (Crawley) on Saturday. In the second round, on October 22, they play another Kent club, Folkestone.

Oyster have an eight-rink green, 700 members and, with an eye to the typical English summer, operated five leagues during the outdoor season. They won on both rinks at home against Gratton's — Dennis Edmeades by 22-20 after being 4-15 behind, Bob Jennings by 30-9 — to counterbalance the away defeats of Doug McCarthy and Phil Burbage.

Other new clubs to win were Gedling (Nottingham), Mote Park (Maidstone) and Pinewood Park (Sheringham). City of Ely, the holders, beat Bedford, and Hartlepool, losing finalists last March, beat Consett. A surprise in the West was the 87-67 defeat of Clevedon by Clarrie Dunbar (Frome).

● The first of the season's televised indoor bowls events begins in Manchester today when 32 players set out on the trail of the Liverpool Victoria Insurance Superbowl title (a Special Correspondent writes).

Now in its fifth year, the Superbowl has become the traditional start to the televised circuit and is unique in its concept of pitting the best of the British flat bowlers against their crown-green counterparts.

To date the flat contingent hold a 3-1 lead thanks to wins from David Bryant (twice) and David Corkill, against a single victory by Noel Burrows.

India surprised by TCCB decision

From David Miller, Delhi

The Board of Cricket Control in India (BCCI) is surprised, not to say dismayed, at the decision by the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) finally to cancel England's winter tour. Until the announcement from Lord's on Friday, the BCCI firmly believed that a solution was still possible and that the tour need not be called off.

The BCCI claims there has been no reply by the TCCB, before its announcement, to a proposal contained in a telex to London on October 1.

Biswanath Dutta, the newly elected president of the BCCI, said yesterday: "We consider there is still enough time to find a solution that could be passed jointly by the two controlling bodies, provided our government was given assurances on the future. It is the TCCB which has declined to tour. We have not cancelled."

The BCCI telex suggested that the meeting of the International Cricket Conference, scheduled for January next year, should be brought forward to early November, with a proposal that if England were to agree on the future exclusion from selection of any players with South African connections, the Indian government might be persuaded, as it did for the World Cup a year ago, to turn a blind eye to those players in the present England party regarded as unacceptable. The BCCI has called a further meeting for this Wednesday in Calcutta.

The Indian cricketing public undoubtedly wants the tour to take place, but the government, as a leader among non-aligned nations on the anti-apartheid issue, has to be seen to be taking a firm line.

N. K. P. Salve, the chairman of the finance committee, commented: "Our fight at the ICC is not one between blacks and whites. Two thirds of the ICC, including some white nations, are with us." Out of 30 members at the July meeting, 23 favoured a resolution excluding players with South African connection, yet after much controversy the decision was shelved until January.

● DELHI: The Indian cricket authorities have finally ruled out paying compensation to England over the abortive tour (Reuter reports).

Richards's salary to rocket

By Ivo Tennant

Sussex are likely to decide this week whether to offer Vivian Richards, the West Indies captain and former Somerset batsman, a two-year contract. He is seeking £35,000 a year, much of which would be paid by a sponsor.

Sussex originally approached Richards during the summer through their marketing manager, Jim Parks, and discussions have continued.

Sussex are keeping their options open. Paul Parker, their captain, has not yet spoken to Richards, and Nigel Bett, the club secretary, said yesterday: "We must be careful not to rock the boat over levels of salary."

David Copp, Richards's agent, said: "Prospective sponsors have approached us and Sussex, and we are looking to a major firm to help us put together a salary package. We have also had discussions with other counties but we wanted to pursue the approach by Sussex.

"Much as Viv enjoyed his summer with Rishton in 1987, the Lancashire leagues are not quite the arena for him."

RUGBY LEAGUE

Castleford maintain their unbeaten record

By Keith Macklin

The outstanding team performance in yesterday's games came from Castleford, who scored 26 second-half points to beat Salford 38-12 and retain their league leadership and unbeaten record.

The individual performance came from the Leeds centre, Garry Schofield, who scored four tries as Leeds beat a half-strength Wigan side 22-14.

Controversy surrounded the refereeing decision of Ken Spencer, the official in charge of the Widnes v Halifax game at Naughton Park. Widnes squeezed home 5-4, but late in the first half Spencer made a decision which staggered Halifax.

As their full back, Whitfield, shaped to take a penalty kick at goal the strong wind persistently blew the ball over. Spencer lost patience and sent Whitfield into the sin-bin for "deliberate time-wasting". Bradford Northern had a comfortable win over Hull. Warrington beat Featherstone Rovers 30-22, while Wakefield Trinity and Oldham took a point each in a 12-12 draw at Belle Vue.

St Helens compounded the miseries of Hull Kingston Rovers, winning 30-22 at Craven Park.

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Bradford 32, Hull 20; Castleford 38, Salford 12; Hull KR 22, St Helens 30; Leeds 22, Wigan 14; Wakefield 12, Oldham 12; Warrington 30, Featherstone 22; Widnes 5, Halifax 4.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Castleford	6	5	1	0	142	85	11
St Helens	6	4	1	1	122	112	9
Widnes	6	4	0	2	163	97	8
Leeds	6	4	0	2	140	98	8
Salford	6	4	0	2	130	142	8
Wakefield	6	3	1	2	99	116	7
Bradford N	6	3	0	3	169	127	6
Wigan	6	3	0	3	136	118	6
Warrington	6	3	0	3	108	104	6
Halifax	6	2	0	4	64	97	4
Featherstone	6	2	0	4	101	197	4
Oldham	6	1	1	4	115	136	3
Hull KR	6	1	0	5	95	150	2
Hull	6	1	0	5	72	136	2

SECOND DIVISION: Barrow 54, Keighley 18; Carlisle 6, Doncaster 24; Chorley 4, Sheffield 14; Dewsbury 36, Rochdale 34; Fulham 2, Batley 22; Leigh 36, Hunslet 18; Runcorn 12, Whitehaven 28; Swinton 8, York 26; Workington 40, Huddersfield 14.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Doncaster	6	6	0	0	170	73	12
Leigh	6	6	0	0	182	88	12
Keighley	7	5	0	2	161	182	10
Barrow	6	4	1	1	151	91	9
Bramley	6	4	0	2	152	99	8
Swinton	7	4	0	3	184	140	8
Dewsbury	6	4	0	2	115	149	8
Sheffield	6	3	1	2	98	72	7
Whitehaven	6	3	0	3	127	92	6
Workington	6	3	0	3	130	108	6
Rochdale	6	3	0	3	156	168	6
Carlisle	6	2	0	4	97	131	4
York	5	2	0	3	88	78	4
Batley	6	1	2	3	115	124	4
Fulham	5	2	0	3	83	113	4
Chorley	7	2	0	5	90	133	4
Mansfield	6	2	0	4	100	148	4
Hunslet	6	1	0	5	84	132	2
Runcorn	6	1	0	5	89	205	2
Huddersfield	7	0	1	6	99	203	1

Australia seize victory

New Zealand	12
Australia	25

Auckland (Reuter) — Australia survived the loss of their captain, Wally Lewis, with a broken arm to beat New Zealand 25-12 and win the inaugural World Cup final yesterday.

The New Zealanders fell behind in the second minute when O'Connor put the visitors ahead with a penalty kick. The Australian scrum half, Langer, scored the first try early in the half and followed it with another. A third try from Miller all but secured the Australian triumph.

New Zealand appeared more settled in the second half after Shearer had gone over for the Australians' fourth try and the hosts salvaged some respect with tries by Kevin and Tony Iro.

SCORERS: Australia: Tries: Langer (2), Miller, Shearer. Conversions: O'Connor (2). Penalties: O'Connor (2). Dropped goal: Elias. New Zealand: Tries: K Iro, A Iro. Penalties: P Brown (2).

AUSTRALIA: G Jack; D Shearer, M McGaw, A Farrar; M O'Connor; W Lewis, A Langer; S Roach, B Elias, P Dunn, P Sironen, G Miller, W Pearce.

NEW ZEALAND: G Mercer; A Iro, D Bell, K Iro, M Elia; G Freeman, C Friend; P Brown, W Wallace, A Shelford, K Sorenson, M Graham, M Horo.

AUSTRALIAN RULES

Hawthorn take charge

About 10,000 people turned up at the Oval yesterday to watch a fight, and an Australian Rules football match broke out, as Hawthorn provided evidence of their status as Australia's premier team to defeat Carlton 68-47 (9-14 to 6-11) and carry off their first Foster's Cup (Cameron Kelleher writes).

While for the crowd, sipping (the sponsors' product) and hiding (from the rain) provided the most satisfaction, on the field, slipping and sliding was the order of the day. On a centre square where the ball did more off the seam than the best medium-pacer would hope for, it was Hawthorn who proved the more competent team, as they relied on the increased workrate of their smaller players in the second half.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

TOKYO: International meetings: Winners and English only: Men: 100m: First heats: C Smith (US), 10.22. Second series: C Lewis (US), 10.09. 200m: J Deloach (US), 20.46. 400m: D Everett (US), 46.85. 800m: D Kaczera (Bur), 1:47.18. 1,500m: S Scott (US), 3:39.85. Others: 4, M O'Sullivan (Ire), 3:40.05; 5, N Rowland (GB), 3:41.21. 10,000m: Arturo Barrios (Mex), 28:10.00. 110m hurdles: R Kingdom (US), 13.38; 2, C Jackson (GB), 13.45. 400m hurdles: A Phillips (US), 48.76. Triple jump: A Kovtsevitch (USSR), 17.24. Hammer: S Litvinov (USSR), 81.74m. High jump: P Sjoberg (Swe), 2.25. Javelin: Jan Zelzny (Cz), 84.76m. Long jump: M Powell (US), 8.28m. Women: 100m: F Griffith Joyner (US), 10.91. 200m: G Jackson (Jam), 22.51. 400m: D Vladykina (USSR), 50.94. 800m: K Gallagher (US), 1:58.71. 1,500m: 1, T Samotsenko (USSR), 4:07.34; 2, Y Murray (GB), 4:09.47. 10,000m: O Bondarenko (USSR), 31:48.72. Britain: 3, W Sly, 31:53.38. 100m hurdles: Y Donkova (Bul), 12.82. High jump: S Kolen (US), 1.98. Long jump: G Chistyakova (USSR), 6.88m. Javelin: P Felke (DG), 77.52m.

LONDON TO BRIGHTON ROAD RACE (53.25 miles): Men: 1, M Pickford (Epsom Harriers), 5:03.25; 2, G Williams, 5:05.21; 3, K Bailey (Imperial), 5:15.30. Women: 1, H Walker (Serpentine) 7:07.48; 2, S Askley (Epsom), 7:29.17.

MELBOURNE: Melbourne marathon: Men: 1, T Hawkes, 2:18.44; 2, P Foley (Aus), 2:19.56; 3, M Boucher (Aus), 2:20.51. Women: 1, C Farr (Aus), 2:47.38.

WEST BERLIN: Berlin marathon: 1, S Nyamjav (Tan), 2:11.43; 2, S Andropoulos (Gr), 2:12.04; 3, T Hokuma (USS), 2:12.29. British placings: 7, K Swan, 2:13.37; 8, J Boyes, 2:14.17; 26, M Thompson, 2:17.30; 28, I Bloomfield, 2:18.16; 30, J Girvan 2:18.45. Women: 1, R Kotowska (Pol), 2:29.16; 2, S Gaiford (GB), 2:34.40; 3, M Piszczek (Pol), 2:33.54. Britain: 12, A Roden 2:38.24; 21, E Davies, 2:43.50.

KUALA LUMPUR: Penang International marathon: Men: D Kurtis (US), 2:28.48; Westerse S Hanabusa (Japan), 2:10.24. Others: 3, C Howarth (GB), 3:33.05.

STOCKHOLM: Lidingsloppet, international cross-country: Men: 30 kms: 1, Y Ebdom (Fin), 1:37.26; 2, J Gavia Asse (Nor), 1:37.52; 3, N Sahlstal (Tan), 1:38.31. Others: 7, I Ellis (GB), 1:40.07. Women: 15kms: 1, G Vhaug (Nor), 53.29; 2, M Hamrin (Swe), 54.46; 3, G Kirkeberg (Nor), 55.20.

AUSTRALIAN RULES

MIAMI: Foster's Cup match: Collingwood Magpies (18.18) 124, Geelong Cats (10.19) 79.

BADMINTON

AMSTERDAM: Dutch Open: Men: Singles, quarter-finals: I Sugiarto (Indo) bt S Yu (Aus), 15-9, 15-15; N Skelby (Den) bt M Kjeldsen (Den), 18-17, 15-9, 15-12; J-P Nierhoff (Den) bt L Pongoh (Indo), 15-8, 15-8; I Frederiksen (Den) bt E Kurniawan (Indo), 15-6, 15-8. Semi-finals: Sugiarto bt Skelby, 18-13, 15-9; Nierhoff bt Frederiksen, 15-8, 15-10. Final: Nierhoff bt Sugiarto, 15-11, 9-15, 15-4. Women: Singles, quarter-finals: A van der Knaap (Neth) bt H Troke (Eng), 11-8, 11-5; C Bengtsson (Swe) bt E van Dack (Neth), 7-11, 11-4, 11-5; P Nedergaard (Den) bt D Julien (Can), 4-11, 11-4, 11-8; F Smith-Elliot (Eng) bt L Sudarwati (Indo), 12-9, 11-2. Semi-finals: Van der Knaap bt Bengtsson, 11-7, 8-11, 11-8; Smith-Elliot bt Nedergaard, 11-2, 11-9. Final: Smith-Elliot bt Van der Knapp, 10-12, 12-11, 11-1.

MOTOR SPORT

BRANDS HATCH: Calibre Formula Three Supersprint (45 laps, 1.20 miles per lap): 1, G Grahram (Aus), Ralt RT32, 37mm 10.92sec, 87.40mph; 2, J Elliott (GB), Reynard 883; 3, R Ryder (Swe), Reynard 883. Fastest lap: E Irvine (Ire), 44.34sec, 97.72 mph.

DONINGTON PARK: RAC British Formula Ford 1,600 championship (40 laps, 27.40 miles): 1, V Scheckter (SA), Vandeerwal RF 88, 20min 14.85sec, 81.18 mph; 2, D Higgins (GB), Vandeerwal RF 88; 3, R Dean (GB), Swift FB 88. Fastest lap: Higgins, 1:26.30, 82.59 mph. Mobil 1 British Ford 2,000 championship (15 laps, 29.36 miles): 1, J Westwood (GB), Vandeerwal, 20:21.42, 86.52; 2, C Rostron (Ire), Reynard 88 SF; 3, C Foster (GB), Swift. Fastest lap: Rostron, 1:14.10, 95.07.

RUGBY LEAGUE

AUCKLAND: World Cup: Final: Australia 25, New Zealand 12.

ROOSTOCK NATIONAL AMATEUR LEAGUE: Egremont 4, West Hull 4, Haworth 8, Leigh Miners Welfare 11; Millom 26, Wigston B Millom 8, Wigan St Patricks 10; Pilkington Recs 18, Dudley Hill 18.

RUGBY UNION

CHARITY MATCH: Welsh Presidents XV 4, International XV 48.

COUNTY MATCH: Hertfordshire u-21 13, Eastern Counties u-21 30.

BOWLS

ANGLIA SECURE HOMES CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: East: Bedford 59, City of Ely 86; Gallow 77, Sole Bay 75; Haverhill 74, Wisbech 75; Hunnegdon 74, West Row 87; Mid Suffolk 67, March 84; Nor and Norwich 103, Kings Lynn 66; North Walsham 110, Beccles 54; Peterborough 84, Cambridge Chesterton 76; Rabygate 81, Lakenheath 98. London: Cypiers 86, Dartford 68; Egham 70, Wey Valley 105; Mansfield 122, Alexandra Palace 61; Richmond 53, Paddington 98; Sutton 80, O Coulsdon 72. Midlands: Ashfield 53, Nottingham 99; Barwell 66, Kettering 83; Carlton 63, City of Coventry 101; Erewash 75, Spalding 61; Gedling 100, Addlethorpe 71; Hucknall 55, East Undsey 84; Lincoln 90, Melton Mowbray 73, Newark 97, Boston 109; Northampton 86, Grey Friars 52; Wellingborough 116, Rushden 54. North: Central and South West Borough 96, Boldon Common 66; Concordia 57, Newcastle 85; Consett 86, Hartlepool 88; Gateshead 59, Sowley 108; Great Aycliffe 92, Tyne 66; Hough Hall and District 70, York 95. South: Arun 66, East Dorset 86; Athertey 76, Worthing Pavilion 68; Egerton Park 85, King Alfred 69; Falcase 72, Angel (Tonbridge) 90; Five Ravens 82, Dolphin 79; Isle of Purbeck 80, Jokers 76, Loggerheads 61, Isle of Wight 64; Mids Park 84, Wealdon 70; Preston 110, Royal Tunbridge Wells 64, South East Brackley 83, South Bedfordshire 73; Clacton 85, West Mersea 82; Colchester 93, Havering 62; Deanburgh 74, Downhays 70; Falcon 84, Essex County 78; Handy Cross 81, Bletchley 93, Harpenden 82, SAICS Luton 70; Herts Watford 89, Oxford City and County 71; Ilford 87, Felixstowe 78; Ipswich 90, Barking 75; Ipswich Constantine 83, Reversion 95; Towerlands 71, Southend 73; Tye Green 78, Chesham 98; Whitekingtts 78, Hatfield 74. South West: Moonfleet 111, Taunton Deane 93; Washac 71, Bridport 67; Yeovil 85, Crystal 68. Wales: Cardiff Ely Moor 69, Bristol 72, Clevedon 57, Clarrie Dunbar 87; Dawish 67, West Cornwall 76; North Devon 72, Exonia 99; Plymouth 94, Newquay 48; Yate 64, Gloucester 109.

CYCLING

ROAD RACE

PERCY BILTON PROFESSIONAL GRAND PRIX (65 miles): 1, C Walker (Raleigh-Banana), 3hr 07min 00sec; 2, S Sexton (Percy Bilton), at 10sec; 3, N Barnes (PMS-Dawes), at 1min 20sec.

WEAVER VALLEY (44 miles): S Calland (ABC Centreville), 1.44.36.

SNOWDON AUTUMN (Llanberis, 40 miles): 1, D Smith (V.Cruc), 1.33.26; 2, K Hill (Liverpool Mercury), at hall wheel; 3, A Russell (Whitewebbs), at.

HOUGHTON FEAST (Durham, 43 miles): 1, P Curran (Manchester Wh), 1.33.20; 2, A Ferry (Sco), at 15sec; 3, P Longbottom (Manchester Wh), st.

TIME TRIALS

ESSEX ROADS (25 miles): 1, G Taylor (Stowmarket District), 54.00; 2, A Rochford (Polytechnic CC), 54.01; 3, K Gill (Elite CC). Team: Elite CC 2.49.30.

NORTH YORKSHIRE COURIERS (25 miles): 1, W Cook (Scarborough Couriers), 56.59. Team: Weatherby Wh, 3.11.52.

SOTONIA CC (25 miles): P Goodsell (CC Weymouth), 1.00.06. Team: Southampton Wh, 3.11.20.

REDMON CC (24-up, 18 miles): R Manser (San Ferry Arm) and R Wallis (Festival RC), 38.41. Veterans: I Wright and R Curson (VC Slough), 41.40 plus 21.00.

NORWICH ABC (25 miles): G Frost (CC Breckland), 58.43. Team: Norwich ABC, 3.17.42.

VERULAM CC (25 miles): G Dighton (Team Chiltern), 52.24. Women: J Burfoot, (Dursley RC), 1.04.52.

HILL CLIMBS

HUDDERSFIELD STAR WH (Holmfirth, 1,540 yards): B Johnson (Wembley RC), 4.38.2. Junior: A Smith (Huddersfield RC), 5.01.4.

WREXHAM RC (Horseshoe pass, Llangollen, 2.8 miles): C Boardman (Manchester Wh), 9.00.0. Team: Chester RC, 34.46.0.

WEST PENNINE RC (The Rake, Ramsbottom, 880 yards): 1, S Hulme (Stoke AC), 2.40.09; 2, W Belcher (Rossendale RC), 2.44.4; 3, N Bishop (ABC Centreville), 2.46.00.

BOXING

BERLIN: IBF super middleweight (Title bout, 12 rnds): Graziano Rocky Rocchigiani (WG) bt Chris Reid (US), rsf 11th.

ROME: European super welterweight (Title bout, 12 rnds): Rene Jacquot (Fr) bt Rornolo Casamonica (It), pts.

SEOUL: WBA junior bantamweight (Title bout, 12 rnds): Kaosai Galaxy (Thai) bt Choi Chang-ho (S Kor), ko 8th rnd.

CRICKET

HARARE: Four-day match: Zimbabwe 139 and 214; Young New Zealand 200 and 149 (P Rawson 5 for 44). Zimbabwe won by four runs.

HOCKEY

ARTHUR YOUNG LEAGUE: Premier division: Bloxwich 3, Pickwick 1; Derby 4, South Nottingham 4; Leicester Westleigh 2, Kidderminster 3; Olton and West Warwick.shire 3, Wombourne 2.

PIZZA EXPRESS LEAGUE: Cream 1, Blackheath 4; Maidenhead 1, Dulwich 2; Oxford University 0, St Albans 1; Purley 1, Hampstead 0; Spencer 1, Wimbledon 0; Surbiton 2, Mid-Surrey 0.

NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Bury St Edmunds 1, Bluenarns 1; Cambs Nomads 1, Chelmsford 0; Colchester 2, Norfolk Wanderers 1; Crosbys 3, Bishops Stortford 2; Harleston Magpies 4, Ipswich 1; Nor Grasshoppers 1, West Herts 0; Welwyn Garden City 2, Ford 3; Wisbech 0 Bedford 2.

SUN LIFE WEST LEAGUE: Premier division: Cheltenham 3, Marlborough 1; Prebrannos 2, Hereford 1; Gloucester City 3, Exeter University 0; Swindon 2, Mid Somerset 0; Westbury Banks 4, East Devon 0; West Wilts 1, Bath Buccs 1.

SOUTH WALES LEAGUE: Premier division: Llanishen 0, Swansea 0; Newport 0, Penarth 0; UC Swansea 1, Cardiff 4; Whitchurch 10, BSC 1.

SURREY CUP: Second round: Epsom 0, Mid Surrey 2, Nat West Bank 1, Weybridge Hawks 0; Old Wellingtonians 0, Purley 1; Old Whitgiftians 0, Dulwich 1 (aet); Oxted 1, Old Cranleighans 0; Spencer 2, Guildford 1.

BERKSHIRE CUP: Semi-final: Maidenhead 1, Wellington Coll.8.

CLUB MATCHES: Hounslow 2, Guildford 0; Old Loughtonians 3, Wessex 0; Old Loughtonians 5, Peterboro 1, Reading 3, Slough 1; Teddington 4, Richmond 3; Stourport 0, Wakefield 1.

WOMEN: SUN LIFE WEST LEAGUE: Premier division: Exmouth 3, Bournemouth and Parkstone 1; Exeter 1, East Gloucestershire 1; Clifton 2, Leominster 1; Taunton Vale 0, Swindon 1, Wanborne 3, New Sarum 0.

SNOOKER

SOUTHEND: LEP Matchroom championship: Semi-final: D Taylor (N Ire) bt N Foulds (Eng), 6-3, S Davis (Eng) bt J White (Eng), 6-4.

TENNIS

NEW ORLEANS: New Orleans Classic women's tournament: Singles: Quarter-finals: C Evert (US) bt S Sloane (US), 7-5, 6-4; M Seles (Yug) bt L McNeil (US), 6-1, 6-3; S Rehe (US) bt R White (US), 1-6, 7-5, 6-3. A Smith (US) bt B Potter (US), 6-4, 6-4.

SCOTTSDALE: Grand Prix men's tournament: Singles: Quarter-finals: J Pugh (US) bt D Pate (US), 6-7, 7-5, 7-6, K Curren (US) bt D Rostagno (US), 6-2, 6-4; G Layendecker (US) bt P A

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PGA is at war with greedy agents

By Mitchell Platts
Golf Correspondent

The Professional Golfers' Association European Tour yesterday declared it is at war with the agents in golf whose greed "threatens the future of the game".

Ken Schofield, the executive director of the PGA European Tour, clearly pointed an accusing finger at companies such as Mark McCormack's International Management Group when he said: "Unsanctioned tournaments are becoming the cancer of true professional golf."

Both Bernhard Langer and Ian Woosnam were cited as players who have been "cherry picked" from the system to compete in non-sanctioned events in spite of a flourishing world-wide tour worth in excess of $100 million. Langer is likely to be fined £500 for playing without a release in the Belgian Open, organized by IMG, which was staged in July opposite the Bell's Scottish Open.

This conflict has been sparked by the decision of Woosnam to defend the Million Dollar Challenge at Sun City, Bophuthatswana, from which he earned £600,000 last year. Woosnam has incensed many people within the game, especially as he has also elected not to play in the World Cup the following week for Wales, for whom he won the title 12 months ago in partnership with David Llewellyn.

The dates for the eight-man Million Dollar Challenge have at the 11th hour been advanced by one week. Some observers claim that this was done to accommodate Woosnam; his presence was jeopardized because originally the Sun City event was to be played opposite the World Cup. Woosnam would have required a release as the World Cup is sanctioned by the PGA European Tour.

Schofield said: "The players are getting untold riches dangled in front of them. Their agents are pushing them in certain directions because of those riches.

"These agents are abusing and threatening the game. We demanded that Ian Woosnam did not play in Sun City. He personally told me two weeks ago that he would not be there. I was delighted by that. I don't know who runs Sun City but I do know that the dates were suddenly changed. Moving the goalposts like that is not good news."

John Simpson, a vice-president of IMG, insisted that the company had nothing to do with the change of dates to December 1-4.

"What we have to do is offer what is around in the marketplace to our players," said Simpson. "The Sun City dates changed, we told Ian and it was his decision to play. We are managers, not agents, and it is because of us that clients like Nick Faldo and Sandy Lyle do no have to worry about anything except playing golf.

"I accept that it was a mistake on our part not to seek an official release for Bernhard Langer for the Belgian classic. But I insist that as far as I am concerned there is no war. It is not an ideal world, mistakes are made, but I think a lot of people will end up respecting Ian for what he has done."

Schofield, however, envisages more sanctioned events in the future and an increase from nine to 12 in the number of tournaments in which players will need to compete to retain membership of the European Tour.

In many respects, the Tour and IMG have a good working relationship, and Schofield acknowledges this. Even so, he clearly feels that now is the time to take a stand in order to protect the future of the game.

"I know the views of other PGA bosses and they are in line with mine," added Schofield. "All we can do is take a stand or else we might as well pick up our ball and go home. We need to hit at the root of the problem right now, which is why I believe that the time is ripe for me to state my case.

"The time has come for us to emphasize that we will only support those people who come through the front door."

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Bruno-Tyson may move to United States

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

Frank Bruno's challenge for Mike Tyson's world heavyweight boxing title appeared to be heading for more trouble yesterday. Bruno may have to go to the United States to box despite the fact that the contract between Mickey Duff, the London promoter, and Tyson's manager, Bill Cayton, stipulates the contest must be held in London.

The new twist to the complicated Tyson tale as is a by-product of divorce proceeding started by his wife, Robin Givens. Don King, one of America's leading promoters, who is pressing to put on the bout in the United States, is believed to have helped Tyson gain sole control of his multi-million-dollar bank account which was held jointly with Givens. In return, it is thought Tyson might feel obliged to help out King.

Tyson, who is in Cleveland as the guest of King and will be training in the promoter's camp in Orwell, 40 miles from Cleveland, said he does not intend to let the divorce suit stand in the way of preparations. "Perhaps it's a blessing in disguise," he said

Originally, the bout was of little interest in the United States as Bruno was thought to be a walkover, but with the worldwide publicity of the champion's personal life, King might be forgiven for believing that the public will turn up in their thousands to see how an alleged wife-beater copes with the the world No. 1 contender.

Duff is expected to be in New York this week for talks with Cayton to finalize arrangements for a December 17 meeting at Wembley, but the London promoter could be heading, rather, for a bout of promotional infighting with King.

The World Boxing Council (WBC), which has yet to give Tyson medical clearance, said yesterday that if the promoters have not fixed a definite date by the time of its convention at the end of this month the council would give a ruling. However, the champion is in no danger of being stripped of his title if he fails to defend by the end of this year as stipulated.

José Suleiman, the president of the WBC, said yesterday: "There is no question of stripping Tyson. He has been defending his title regularly and revived interest in boxing. He is one of the greatest boxers ever and we have to help him get over all his problems."

The WBC has been conducting its own medical examination of Tyson in New York, and will reveal its findings after its medical commission has seen the reports. Amid tabloid reports that Tyson was seen out with two friends, Smith and Wesson, looking for his wife, Suleiman said that the WBC doctors had so far not found the champion to be manic depressive as reported and had passed him mentally fit to box.

Police report on Butcher before Aberdeen Fiscal

By Roddy Forsyth and Kerry Gill

Terry Butcher, one of England's key World Cup players, is the subject of an investigation today regarding his conduct after Rangers' 2-1 defeat at Aberdeen on Saturday.

The Aberdeen Procurator Fiscal — the official who in Scottish law is responsible for instigating legal proceedings — will study a report on a post-match incident and then decide whether the England and Rangers captain has a case to answer. Rangers' 2-1 loss in an unsavoury match was their first reverse in the Scottish League this season.

Butcher, aged 29, was interviewed by Grampian Police at the office of the Aberdeen club secretary. The incident is alleged to have involved a door being kicked, but no details have been released.

A police statement said: "Police are making inquiries and a report will be submitted to the Procurator Fiscal." It will be up to the fiscal to decide whether a charge is brought.

Butcher was fined £250 at Glasgow Sheriff Court for a breach of the peace during the Rangers-Celtic match last October. His appeal against that conviction has still to be heard.

When Butcher encountered Saturday's referee, Louis Thow, in the players' tunnel moments after the final whistle, the proximity of an impressive number of police should have signalled discretion rather than a display of resentment.

The irony for Butcher is that this morning should have been the crowning of the restoration of his fortunes after a particularly miserable period. He was under suspension at the start of last season; he become embroiled in the infamous melee against Celtic which also involved Chris Woods, Graham Roberts and Frank McAvennie.

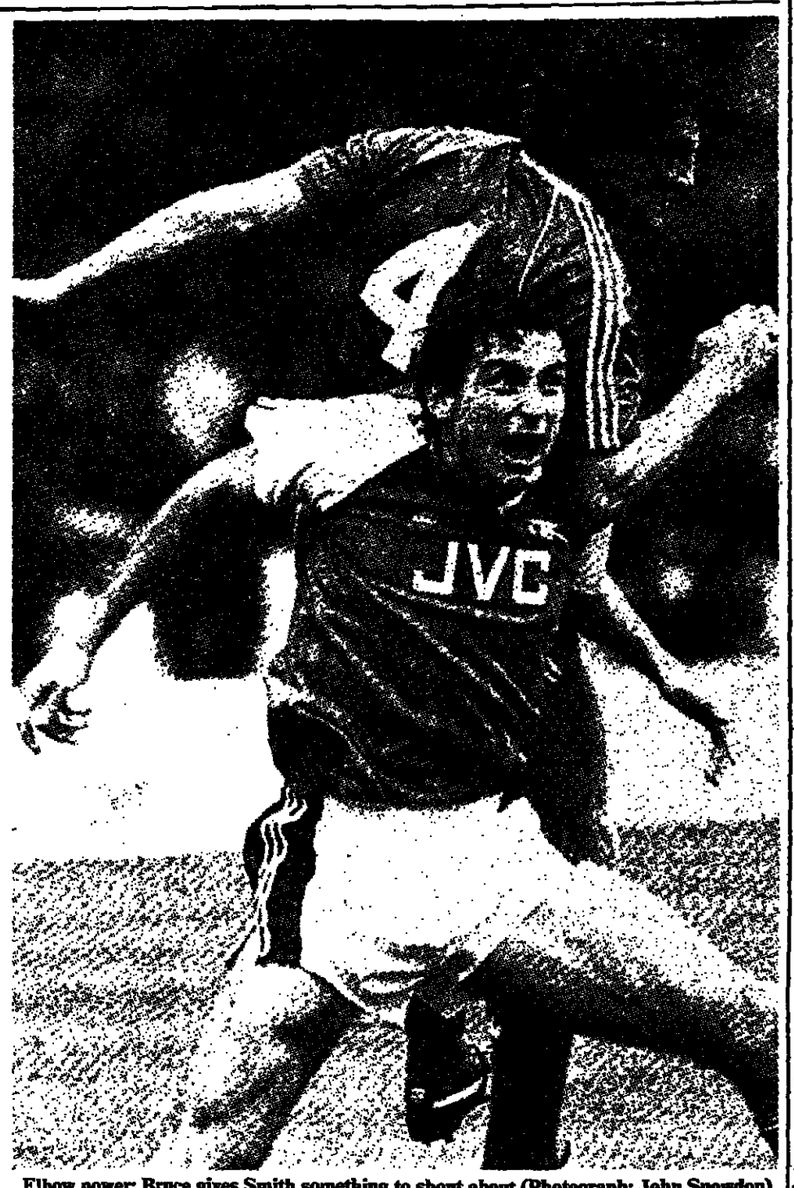
A suspension imposed by the Scottish FA cost him a place in the Rangers' team which beat Aberdeen to win the Skol Cup. When the ban ended, he had played only eight minutes of a League match against Aberdeen before he collided with Alex McLeish and had a leg seriously broken — an injury which eliminated him from Rangers' European Cup campaign and England's team in the European championship finals in West Germany.

Two headed goals in Rangers' impressive UEFA Cup victory over Katowice in Poland last week were confirmation that Butcher, an amiable big fellow from Lowestoft, was master of his craft once more, and he drew particular praise from his manager, Graeme Souness.

Butcher's inclusion in the England squad for next week's opening World Cup qualifying match with Sweden at Wembley, to be announced by Bobby Robson this morning, has long since been a formality. Luckily for the Rangers' captain, the Football Association intends to ignore the possibility of legal proceedings until they are concluded.

Of course, the authorities may believe that Butcher's behaviour on Saturday, while hardly praiseworthy, is not the stuff of criminal charges. In the meantime, he might reflect that his virtue of passionate commitment to the cause of a team, whether Rangers or England, has boundaries which are increasingly scrutinised by many outside the game.

Souness, Rangers' manager, could face censure by the Scottish FA for his furious comments after the Aberdeen match, in which three of his players were injured.



Elbow power: Bruce gives Smith something to shout about (Photograph: John Snowdon)

Tributes to Milburn

The world of football paid tribute last night to Jackie Milburn, the legendary Newcastle United player, who died at his home in Ashington yesterday at the age of 64.

Joe Harvey, the former Newcastle United manager, who played alongside Milburn in the 1951 and 1952 FA Cup final winning sides, said: "Whenever he was in your team, you felt you could beat anybody. He was the fastest player I have ever seen. Right up until the end young kids would still go up to him and ask for his autograph; that shows that the legend was passed down from generation to generation."

Bob Stokoe, the former Sunderland manager, who played with Milburn in Newcastle's FA Cup winning side of 1955, said: "There was nobody more popular in the North-East."

Milburn asked that his ashes be scattered on St James' Park.

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Wilkinson decision due today

Leeds United are expected to announce today that Howard Wilkinson, manager of Sheffield Wednesday, is to take charge at Elland Road after final negotiations between the clubs and Wilkinson were completed yesterday.

Meanwhile, the positions of Willie McFaul and Ron Atkinson are also in some doubt. McFaul's future as manager of Newcastle, one place off the bottom of the first division, could be discussed at Thursday's directors meeting, while Spanish sources suggest Atlético Madrid will make an approach to Atkinson, manager at West Bromwich, this week.

● Graham Taylor, the Aston Villa manager, yesterday confirmed unofficially he has lodged a club record £600,000 bid for Peter Davenport, the Manchester United forward.

● John Bird, the Hartlepool manager, resigned on Saturday and is expected to be appointed manager of York.

● Dave Mitchell should join Aberdeen from Feyenoord for around £200,000.

● John O'Neill, the former Norwich defender, may take legal action against John Fashanu after he was forced to quit football through injury following a tackle by Fashanu during a match against Wimbledon 10 months ago.

Davis the villain departs the stage as a centenary hero

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

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Paul Davis, who is considered by the Football Association to be in disgrace, yesterday became the triumphant figure in the closing ceremony of the Football League's centenary celebrations. He scored the first and created the second of Arsenal's goals in the Mercantile Credit Centenary Trophy final at Villa Park.

As he prepared to enter his enforced winter's hibernation of nine matches, Davis at last chiselled his name indelibly in history. Now he must wait to discover today whether he has retained his place in the England squad for the World Cup qualifying tie against Sweden next week.

So fast was the pace of the afternoon that Davis might benefit from a rest.

Amid the initial frantic activity, undisguised talent was scarcely to be seen. Moments of inspiration were as rare as beams of sunshine. There were three of them in the opening 45 minutes, which unfolded beneath constant drizzle. The first was provided by Hughes, using his chest as a cushion and awaiting McClair to time his run.

The ensuing pass was perfect but McClair spoiled the idea by aiming at the legs of Lukic. Arsenal, more convincingly in control of possession if not the outcome, were not so generous in their finishing and before the interval they had taken a lead which seemed decisive.

Davis, the eye of the storm, was responsible. First he took advantage of Duxbury's slip, released Marwood on the left and was at hand to steer in the cross. Then, with a delightfully measured through-ball, he freed Thomas through the middle of United's momentarily hesistant defence.

Once the rain had ceased and the halfway stage had been reached the exhibition became more open, more appealing and ultimately more thrilling than the organizers had any right to expect as United responded to the probability of defeat.

McClair struck the foot of a post before assisting in their lone goal, headed in by Blackmore eight minutes from the end. Had Dixon not nodded Strachan's cross off the line, the final would have been prolonged. The prospect of extra time in the end would have been welcomed.

ARSENAL: J Lukic; L Dixon, N Winterburn, M Thomas, S Bould, A Adams, D Rocastle, P Davis, A Smith, P Groves (sub: P Merson), B Marwood.
MANCHESTER UNITED: J Leighton; C Blackmore, L Sharpe, S Bruce, W Gorton, M Duxbury, B Robson, P Davenport (Sub: R Beardsmore), B McClair, M Hughes, J Olsen (sub: G Strachan).
Referee: G Courtney.

Robson is reassured

Gary Lineker last night assured Bobby Robson, the England manager, that he has fully recovered from the stomach bug that kept him out of Barcelona's weekend fixture.

Robson had been concerned that Lineker's absence would disrupt plans for England's opening World Cup qualifying match against Sweden at Wembley on Wednesday week. But after telephoning Lineker at his home in Spain yesterday, Robson said: "Gary says he is fine. He is over the bug and will be training tomorrow."

Legal battle over champion's spoils

From Charles Bremner, New York

Lawyers for Mike Tyson are expected to file a counter-suit for divorce in New York this week in an attempt to save millions of dollars that the heavyweight champion could lose as the price of an eight-month marriage that turned into a lurid national spectator event.

Tyson's entourage spent the weekend telling reporters they hoped the separation from Robin Givens, the television actress whom he married in February, would help the boxer direct his violence back to the ring after a tumultuous few months.

The United States, or at least its media, has observed little neutrality in the Tyson saga. For them, it was a clear case of Samson and Delilah. The pop psychologists have enjoyed a field day dismantling the character of Givens, who stars as a high-school pupil in a weekly comedy show, and diagnosing the ills of the poor, shy boy from Brooklyn who turned into street fighter, robber and 50-million-dollar champion at the age of 22.

On Friday Givens and Ruth Roper, her mother, who is depicted by the Press as the mastermind in the undoing of Tyson, flew to California and engaged Marvin Mitchelson, the celebrity divorce lawyer, to end the marriage under the local law.

Mitchelson sought a restraining order on the grounds that Tyson physically abused his wife and Roper, who also her business manager, part of the "package" that Givens said she brought to her marriage with Tyson.

The California law would entitle Givens automatically to half the Tyson property, which includes their $4 million dollar house in New Jersey, and tens of millions in stocks and shares. Tyson's New York lawyers are expected to argue for jurisdiction in New York, the state where they married and lived for much of the time. Under New York law, property is divided by a judge according to circumstances.

Sporborg is so close to victory in Pardubicka

From Brian James, Pardubice, Czechoslovakia

William Sporborg yesterday failed in his gallant attempt to become the second British horseman since the First World War to win the famous Pardubicka, the Czechoslovak Grand National.

This gruelling event, started in 1874 and won frequently by British professionals in the first 40 years of its running, this time went to the local favourite and last year's victor, Zeleznik, ridden by Josef Vana. Of the 13 starters, only three finished: the third was scarcely in sight as Sporborg, on Free Flow, chased Zeleznik up the final straight.

Free Flow so impressed the fanatical Pardubice crowd that there was a late rush of betting which saw him shorten to around 13-2 on the tote, and a shade less available with the unofficial bookies on the rails.

Sporborg's early performance justified this faith. He made the 24-foot spread of the infamous Taxis look simple, although five others fell. Neither the Irish Bank nor the Great Moat disturbed him in the least, as he ate up the 4½ miles and the 30 fences of this picturesque course.

The 50,000 crowd rose to the lone Briton as he dismounted with the stadium announcer proclaiming: "We salute the second greatest success for British horses and horsemanship of modern times." Chris Collins had won in 1973.

Sporborg's horse is owned by his father, the Jockey Club steward, Christopher Sporborg, who led a family party to Prague. Sporborg, aged 23, from Hertfordshire, took a second prize of £6,000, though the money stays in Czechoslovakia — regulations forbid the export of currency.

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SPORT IN BRIEF

Typhoon No. 24 plays havoc with meeting

From Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent, Tokyo

As a dry run for the world championships in Tokyo in 1991, the post-Olympic meeting here did not quite work. A typhoon, called simply No. 24, saw to that.

The tail-end washed across Tokyo on Saturday evening and rain torrented down throughout the four hours of the meeting, contributing to below-par performances and causing the pole vault to be cancelled.

Although there was plenty of rain, there was only a little wind, which helped explain Petra Felke's exceptional performance of 77.52 metres in the javelin.

Aleksandr Kovalenko effected one of the few Olympic reversals when he beat Hristo Markov in the triple jump. 17.24 to 17.07m. Jordanko Donkova was just as impressive in the rain, winning the high hurdles in 12.60 seconds. On the track Carl Lewis and Florence Griffith Joyner did their stuff in 10.09sec and 10.91.

Griffith Joyner was let off with the most blatant "flyer" and seemed to slow down in mid-race out of embarrassment for the margin of victory she was building up. She even got in on the farewell to Marlies Göhr, who was given a presentation on her last race after 12 years at the top.

Joe DeLoach was one of the more impressive track winners, taking the 200 metres in 20.46sec.

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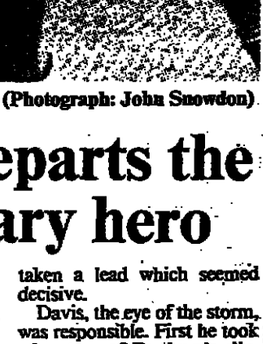
Waiting for Ring

Mark Ring, the Wales rugby union international, fuelled speculation that he would turn professional by missing Cardiff's match at Pontypool on Saturday, then appearing at Craven Park yesterday to watch the rugby league match between Hull Kingston Rovers and St Helens.

Hull KR officials refused to say whether the threequarter, aged 26, would join them — but admitted they needed a new centre. David Bishop, the former Pontypool scrum half and a friend of Ring's, plays for the home side.

Same again

The Refuge Assurance Cup cricket final will again be played at Edgbaston, on September 17 next year.



Ring: question over future

Stern task

Australia, the world women's lacrosse champions, were beaten for the first time by England at Motspur Park, Surrey, on Saturday. Sarah Richardson, Rachel Newcombe and Di Stearne (2) scored in the host country's 4-1 victory.

Drugs witness

David Jenkins, Britain's former Olympic athlete who was freed on bail after pleading guilty to four felony drug conspiracy charges, is due to appear in San Diego tomorrow as a witness in the forthcoming trial of three other defendants, Leonard Swinda, Robert Wantz jnr and James Insko, for extortion in an steroid smuggling ring.

Brabham best

Gary Brabham extended his remarkable recent form by winning the 45-lap Cellnet Formula 3 Superprix at Brands Hatch yesterday.

Curran feast

Paul Curran, Britain's Olympic road-race team captain at Seoul, won the 43-mile Houghton Feast road-race

Brundle's win assures him of world title

Martin Brundle's victory in the Fuji 1,000-kilometres race in Japan yesterday, in his Silk Cut Jaguar XJR-9, enabled him to claim the world sportscar drivers' championship. With 230 points, he cannot be overtaken by Jean-Louis Schlesser, leader of the AEG Sanber Mercedes team, in the final round at Melbourne next month.

Eddie Cheever made a cautious start to the race before handing the XJR9 over to Brundle, and they took the lead just before half-distance.

LEADING RESULTS: 1, M Brundle (GB) and E Cheever (US), Jaguar, 2, K Ludwig (WG) and C Pros (US), Porsche, at 229 laps; 3, F Jelinski and J Winter (WG), Porsche, 221. Leading placings (after 10 laps): 1, Brundle, 25pts; 2, J-L Schlesser (Fr), 23; 3, M Baldi (It), 18. Leading team positions: 1, Jaguar, 94; 2, Mercedes, 29; 3, Racing, 18.

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